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## Wabash Plain Dealer's new office now open

The Wabash Plain Dealer's new office is now open on the second floor at 99 W. Canal St.

## Manchester Civic Band looking for new members

A callout meeting has been planned for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Manchester High School band room through the double doors at the southeast corner of the building. Practices are held beginning at 7 p.m. and ending at either 8:30 or 9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Manchester High School Band Room.

## Walk by Faith Community Church plans free community meal

A free community meal has been planned from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Walk by Faith Community Church in Roann. For more information, call 765-833-9931.

## MSD to host community presentation Feb. 27

MSD of Wabash County will be hosting a Community Presentation to share updates on their Strategic Plan at 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27 at Southwood Jr./Sr. High School, 564 Indiana 124.

## Visit Wabash County announces Margie Hostetler's retirement

Visit Wabash County has invited the public to stop and to wish Hostetler a happy retirement between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 at the Visit Wabash County Welcome Center, 221 S. Miami St.

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# Narcotics investigation leads to six arrests

## Whitney Stambaugh arrested on two warrants, one from Wabash County

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Recently, a two-week-long criminal investigation by Indiana State Police Troopers Steven Glass and Dustin Rutledge resulted in the arrests of six Peru residents, according to Sgt. Tony Slocum, ISP public information officer.

Jennifer Brown, 39, Allen O'Malley, 39, Frank Stambaugh, 36, David Jones, 35, Whitney Stambaugh, 33, and Roger Edmondson Jr., 30, were incarcerated in the Miami County Jail to face criminal charges for possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Whitney Stambaugh faces an additional charge for trafficking methamphetamine.

"Allegedly while she was being booked into the Miami County Jail metham-

phetamine was found hidden on her person. Frank Stambaugh has an additional charge for possession of methamphetamine, while Jones has an additional count for dealing methamphetamine," stated Slocum.

Rutledge and Glass started an investigation after receiving a citizens tip about possible illegal drug activity occurring at a home in the 4600 block of South 50 West in rural Peru, stated Slocum.

"During the investigation, officers developed enough probable cause to be issued a Miami Superior

Court II search warrant for the residence," stated Slocum. "During a subsequent search, officers allegedly found approximately 20 grams of methamphetamine, marijuana, prescription medication, syringes and drug paraphernalia. Officers also served Whitney Stambaugh with two arrest warrants. The warrants were for failure to appear from Wabash and Miami counties."

Brown, O'Malley, Frank Stambaugh, Jones and Edmondson Jr. were at the residence when the warrant was executed.

According to court records,

Whitney Stambaugh's Wabash County warrant was signed Jan. 8. The case associated with the warrant was a Class B misdemeanor charge of criminal mischief. The warrant was issued after Whitney Stambaugh failed to appear for a status conference Jan. 6.

"This is an ongoing investigation," stated Slocum. "All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law."

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The weekly DivorceCare meeting is led by Janet Quillen.

# Divorced people helping divorced people

## DivorceCare group meets every Tuesday evening

By **ROB BURGESS**  
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

At 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday, a small group of local divorced people meets at Subway south of Wabash on Indiana 13 to break bread and exchange stories.

An hour later, the group then makes the short drive to the Wabash Friends Church to hold their weekly DivorceCare meeting.

led by Janet Quillen.

Quillen asked that the identities of the other members of the be kept confidential. However, when new members arrive at a DivorceCare meeting, Quillen makes sure to share her own story with them right away.

Quillen has been married and divorced three times.

Met her first husband at 23 when they both worked at Delco. He was an electrician and she worked in the office. The were married in June 1964. In February 1965, they obtained custody of her husband's sons from a previous marriage.

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In June 1965, they welcomed a son, and in November 1968, a daughter followed.

Quillen said the real trouble began in 1970 when she suspected there was something he wasn't telling her.

"I felt something was wrong with our relationship," she said. "I finally confronted my husband."

She asked him if there was someone else. He confirmed that there was.

"I almost passed out," she said. "I was shocked."

He soon moved the two older boys into their grand-

mother's house. Then he moved out, too, leaving Janet and her youngest son and daughter alone.

The children missed their father, though. She wanted her marriage back, too. Her husband was less interested in this idea.

"I tried to do what I could to get us back together. I went to a counselor. My husband's brother and his wife offered to keep (their youngest son and daughter) at their house while I went to a counselor. They were on my side. The counselor told me to have my husband's house."

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# Parkview Wabash named among 'Best Places to Work'

Hospital named by Indiana Chamber of Commerce for third consecutive year

By **STAFF REPORT**

Parkview Wabash Hospital leaders announced Monday that the hospital has been recognized among the Best Places to Work in Indiana by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce for the third consecutive year, according to a press release.

"Best Places to Work is a statewide survey and awards program designed to identify and recognize Indiana employers with the leading workplace cultures," stated the release.

The 15th annual list includes 125 companies grouped by size category:

■ Small Companies: 15 to 74 U.S. employees.

■ Medium Companies: 75 to 249 U.S. employees.

■ Large Companies: 250 to 999 U.S. employees.

■ Major Companies: 1,000-plus U.S. employees.

Parkview Wabash Hospital is one of 40 employers recognized in the Medium

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# Peace studies expert delves into 'Harry Potter,' 'The Hunger Games' in Manchester speech

Siobhán McEvoy-Levy set to speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5

By **ANNE GREGORY**

The massively popular "Harry Potter" and "The Hunger Games" series create societies where young people battle the evil in their world.

Siobhán McEvoy-Levy will speak about "Entertaining Peace in Youth Cultures: From Harry Potter to The Hunger Games" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center at the North Manchester campus of Manchester University.

It is free and open to the public.

In the books and movies, violence seems to be the prominent theme and problem-solver. McEvoy-Levy will explore how young people can use these books to explore alternatives, such as nonviolence and mediation.

An author, professor of

peace and conflict studies and director of the Desmond Tutu Peace Lab at Butler University in Indianapolis, McEvoy-Levy examines popular culture through the lens of the peace studies field.

"Her presentation will address how young activists engage with pop culture to enhance our understanding of 'peace,' and 'resistance' in politics," said Elton Skendaj, Gladdys Muir associate professor of peace studies at Manchester.

Established by Muir in 1948, the Peace Studies Institute and Program in Conflict Resolution at Manchester pioneered as the first undergraduate peace studies program in the world. Her groundbreaking program, which examined issues of interpersonal conflict and structural injustice, was so visionary that 23 years passed before another U.S. institution followed her lead.

The March 5 presentation, made possible by the Peace Studies Institute, is part of the Values, Ideas and the Arts



Provided photo

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series, which offers academic enrichment for Manchester students.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.



DIVORCE

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band come back with me. When I told him, he said to me, “You need it, I don’t.”

At the end of that summer, she decided to get a job so she could file for divorce because “he wasn’t going to do it.”

“He said I had a reason for filing for divorce, but he didn’t. After I got a job and had insurance, I filed for divorce. He showed up at the hearing but didn’t have an attorney. He signed the papers and was ordered to pay child support. I got to keep the house,” she said.

In spring 1971, Quillen said she met the man who would become her second husband.

“He was divorced, had three children and lived 2 miles from me,” she said. “We rushed into a marriage. I sold my house and moved into his.”

It wasn’t long before Quillen said she knew she had made the wrong decision.

“I realized I had made a big mistake,” she said. “I tried to do my best for all the children.”

She found a home to rent close to friends who were babysitting for her son and daughter.

“This second marriage was the mistake I made,” she said. “I wish I had stayed in our family house for all four of my children. This is one of the very important topics of DivorceCare – ‘not to rush into another relationship after divorce.’”

A few years passed. She got a different job, where she met the man who would be her third husband. They dated for about a year and were married in May 1974.

“He had a good job and didn’t want me to work so I got to be a stay at home mom,” she said.

In January 1980, her husband had a cerebral aneurysm and was left with brain damage.

“He could no longer work. He was difficult to live with because of brain damage. According to him, everything was my fault. We went to a pastor for counseling. After four years, he wanted a divorce. I sent a letter to his attorney informing him of my husband’s mental condition. I went with my husband to his appointment with the attorney. Twice the attorney told my husband that he didn’t have to go through with the divorce. I did not sign the papers until the issues were affecting my children. He then moved to Huntington where his children lived.”

After that, Quillen was able to live in her house until her daughter graduated high school in 1987. She then bought a house in Wabash, where she still lives.

Quillen said she first started becoming involved in outreach at around this time. She and two other women started a singles group called Singles With A Vision (SWAV) which met weekly at a local church.

“The group consisted of singles who had never married, widows, widowers and divorced people. I began to feel a special need for those who were divorced,” she said. “So, I started having a divorce support group meeting in my home. A few years after that, the Wabash Friends Church started having support groups meeting in their church. I didn’t attend the Friends Church so I met with the pastor, and he approved us to move (there).”

Quillen said sometime after that, a couple of attendees informed her of a DivorceCare group which met in Kokomo. They provided her with the information. The pastor approved purchasing the associated videos which go along with the program. When the Wabash Friends Counseling Center opened, they then became DivorceCare’s sponsor locally.

“DivorceCare has helped so many people,” she said. “I will continue to lead the group as long as God allows me to.”

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Pentagon adopts new ethical principles for using AI in war

By MATT O'BRIEN

AP Technology Writer

The Pentagon is adopting new ethical principles as it prepares to accelerate its use of artificial intelligence technology on the battlefield.

The new principles call for people to “exercise appropriate levels of judgment and care” when deploying and using AI systems, such as those that scan aerial imagery to look for targets.

They also say decisions made by automated systems should be “traceable” and “governable,” which means “there has to be a way to disengage or deactivate” them if they are demonstrating unintended behavior, said Air Force Lt. Gen. Jack Shanahan, director of the Pentagon’s Joint Artificial Intelligence Center.

The Pentagon’s push to speed up its AI capabilities has fueled a fight between tech companies over a \$10 billion cloud computing contract known as the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or JEDI. Microsoft won the contract in October but hasn’t been able to get started on the 10-year project because Amazon sued the Pentagon, arguing that President Donald Trump’s antipathy toward Amazon and its CEO Jeff Bezos hurt the company’s chances at winning the bid.

An existing 2012 military directive requires humans to be in control of automated weapons but doesn’t address broader uses of AI. The new U.S. principles are meant to guide both combat and non-combat applications, from intelligence-gathering and surveillance operations to predicting maintenance problems in planes or ships.

The approach outlined Monday follows recommendations made last year by the Defense Innovation Board, a group led by former Google CEO Eric Schmidt.

While the Pentagon acknowledged that AI “rais-

es new ethical ambiguities and risks,” the new principles fall short of stronger restrictions favored by arms control advocates.

“I worry that the principles are a bit of an ethics-washing project,” said Lucy Suchman, an anthropologist who studies the role of AI in warfare. “The word ‘appropriate’ is open to a lot of interpretations.”

Shanahan said the principles are intentionally broad to avoid handcuffing the U.S. military with specific restrictions that could become outdated.

“Tech adapts. Tech evolves,” he said.

The Pentagon hit a roadblock in its AI efforts in 2018 after internal protests at Google led the tech company to drop out of the military’s Project Maven, which uses algorithms to interpret aerial images from conflict zones. Other companies have since filled the vacuum. Shanahan said the new principles are helping to regain support from the tech industry, where “there was a thirst for having this discussion.”

“Sometimes I think the angst is a little hyped, but we do have people who have serious concerns about working with the Department of Defense,” he said.

Shanahan said the guidance also helps secure American technological advantage as China and Russia pursue military AI with little attention paid to ethical concerns.

University of Richmond law professor Rebecca Crotoof said adopting principles is a good first step, but the military will need to show it can critically evaluate the huge data troves used by AI systems, as well as their cybersecurity risks.

Crotoof said she also hopes the U.S. action helps establish international norms around the military use of AI.

“If the U.S. is seen to be taking AI ethical norms seriously, by default they become a more serious topic,” she said.

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Companies category. It is the only Parkview hospital to receive this 2020 recognition and the only business in Wabash County on the list.

To be considered for participation, companies had to have a facility in Indiana, have at least 15 full-time employees working in the state, and had to have been in business for at least a year. Companies could be publicly or privately held and classified as for-profit, not-for-profit or government entities.

Companies from across the state entered the two-part survey process to determine the Best Places to Work in Indiana. The first part, worth approximately 25 percent, consisted of evaluating each nominated company’s workplace poli-






cies, practices, philosophy, systems and demographics. The second survey part – worth roughly 75 percent – was a confidential employee survey to measure the employee experience. The combined scores determined the top companies and the final rankings.

Best Companies Group managed the overall registration and survey process, analyzed the data and determined the final rankings. The company oversees similar programs in 25 other states.

Rankings will be announced at an awards dinner on April 30 at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. The list will also be published in the May through June issue of the Indiana Chamber’s BizVoice magazine.





For more information, visit www.BestPlacestoWorkIN.com.

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 <b>Tuesday</b> Rain Likely 39 / 31	 <b>Wednesday</b> Snow Likely 32 / 19	 <b>Thursday</b> Mostly Cloudy 23 / 15	 <b>Friday</b> Partly Cloudy 22 / 17	 <b>Saturday</b> Mostly Sunny 26 / 18
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### Sun and Moon

Today's sunset ..... 6:34 p.m.  
Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 7:27 a.m.

 First 3/2	 Full 3/9	 Last 3/16	 New 3/24
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### Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 95% chance of rain, high temperature of 39°, humidity of 95%. North northeast wind 14 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 95% chance of snow, overnight low of 31°. North northeast wind 11 to 14 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 22°.

5-Year-old’s fondness for lead paint requires intervention

**DEAR DOCTOR:** My 5-year-old grandson craves lead paint and has used his toothbrush to get at old layers of lead paint in his family’s renovated 1880s home. His development has slowed, and people think he’s autistic. If it’s the lead, what can we do?

**DEAR READER:** Your question covers several issues. We don’t make diagnoses

**Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier**  
Ask the Doctors



in this column, so we would just note that the impulse to eat non-food items – such soil, chalk, clay or lead paint – can be a disorder known as pica. The cause of these persistent cravings isn’t known, but pica has been associated with certain nutritional deficiencies, and with certain mental health conditions. The disorder can lead to serious complications, including intestinal blockage, parasitic infection and lead poisoning.

The United States government banned lead-based paints for residential use in 1978, but it remains a hazard in millions of older homes. Lead is a heavy metal that our bodies can’t use. When ingested, it interferes with numerous metabolic processes, including the production of red blood cells, absorption of calcium for bone and tooth development, and the proper functioning of the liver, kidneys, blood vessels, immune system, nervous system and the brain.

Lead is particularly harmful to the developing bodies and brains of babies, children and adolescents. In high amounts, it can be fatal. Even low levels of lead have been linked to impaired or delayed physical development, low IQ, learning disabilities, and emotional and behavioral problems.

Lead is a cumulative toxicant, which means it builds up in the body over time. As a result, symptoms of lead poisoning can take months or even years to appear. These include loss of appetite, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting, chronic constipation, hearing loss, problems with vision, persistent fatigue, weight loss, tremors or seizures, irritability and the developmental delay that you report in your grandson.

Since you know your grandson has been eating old paint, it’s important to learn his blood levels of lead as

soon as possible. Your family doctor can do this with a simple blood test. Blood levels of lead are measured in micrograms per deciliter, or mcg/dL. Levels as low as 5 mcg/dL are considered potentially unsafe and call for continued screening. It’s also crucial to find and eliminate all potential sources of lead in his environment. In older homes, deteriorating lead-based paint not only chips and flakes, it gives off contaminated dust that is easily inhaled.

In severe cases of lead poisoning, chelation therapy may be recommended. Although it can lower the levels of lead in the blood and soft tissues, it has not been shown to reverse the existing effects of lead poisoning. In this treatment, the child is given a medication that binds to the lead in

the blood and soft tissues. It then forms a compound that can be excreted in the urine. Depending on the type of medication used, chelation therapy may be delivered orally or via an injection. Side effects can include headache, nausea or vomiting, and discomfort at the injection site. Chelation therapy should always be carried out under medical supervision, and only with prescription drugs.

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### Roxy 5 Showtimes for Friday, February 21- Thursday, February 27

All showtimes have Closed Captioning available.

<b>The Call of the Wild (PG)</b> Fri: 6:40, 9:15 Sat: 1:00, 3:55, 6:40, 9:15 Sun: 1:00, 3:35, 6:40 Mon - Thurs: 6:40	<b>Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)</b> Fri: 6:20, 9:05 Sat: 1:20, 3:45, 6:20, 9:05 Sun: 1:10, 3:45, 6:20, 9:20 Mon - Thurs: 6:20	<b>1917 (R)</b> Fri: 7:00, 9:35 Sat: 1:30, 4:05, 7:00, 9:35 Sun: 1:40, 4:05, 7:00 Mon - Thurs: 7:00
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### Penny Marie Hipskind

July 8, 1956 – Feb. 21, 2020

Penny Marie Hipskind – wife, mom, friend, and Nana-extraordinaire – passed away on Feb. 21, 2020, with the love of her life, her husband of 40 years and high school sweetheart, Keith, by her side.

Throughout her battle with cancer, but especially in her final days, her home was filled with great food, raucous conversation, and reverent prayer. Each was a testament, as were the family and friends who brought them, to the way Penny lived her life: in service to others, with great joy for the Lord, and with a glass of wine in her hand and a story about her grandchildren to share.

Penny was born July 8, 1956, in Kokomo, Indiana, to Jay and June Calloway, and raised in Wabash, Indiana. She was always a woman of great faith. She was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Greensburg for the past 23 years, and a proud member of a women’s bible study that has met regularly for over ten years. But Penny did far more than go to church; she was the church. She and Keith dedicated their lives throughout their time in Wabash, Indianapolis, Washington, D.C.,



northern Indiana, and Greensburg to loving, feeding, and clothing their neighbors. She was present to people always, but especially in their time of need.

Penny first cultivated her servant’s heart as an elementary school teacher, earning her B.S. from Ball State in 1980. But her greatest act of love was in serving her husband, her children, and their big extended families. She was the ultimate coach’s wife, welcoming countless young men into her home and showing them through thousands of spaghetti dinners that they would live in her heart forever. She did so because she loved each of them and because she

was her husband’s biggest fan.

In addition to Keith, her great passions were her three kids – Kelly, Kate, and Kara – their loving spouses – Carla, Hector, and Matt – and her adoring grandkids – Mica, Callie, Cici, Naomi, Birdie, Agnes, Mae, Zeke, Gus, and Xabi. She often said, I may not have lived perfectly but I have lived passionately. And, oh, did she live. Despite cancer, she remained an eternal optimist, an avid adventurer, a stellar party planner, and, most of all, a dedicated Nana who dried every tear.

Penny is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Jay and June, and mother-in-law Joyce, her brother, J.R., and Kara’s beautiful little ones, Dominic and Miriam. She is survived by Keith, her children and grandchildren, and Keith’s siblings – Laura, Julie and Rick, Kathy and Bill, Steve and Kathy, and Phil – and her father-in-law Tom and his wife Marilyn. She will also be celebrated in death, as she was in life, by her beloved nieces and nephews.

Penny did not know a stranger. This proved problematic at times when trying to go out to eat or getting her

out of church on Sundays. But in the end you truly reap what you sow. She lived a life of service, and those she loved and cared for over the years returned to sit by her side. She and her family remain forever grateful. And although we will miss this exuberant woman with energy for days, we know she is now dancing in heaven to her favorite song, “Boogie Shoes,” and offering the Lord a bit of advice on the best appetizers and way to set the table.

Family and friends will gather at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 27, 2020 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church to pray the rosary. Visitation will follow until 8 p.m. at the church in Greensburg. The family will also receive friends from 9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. on Friday at the church. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday with Rev. John Meyer officiating.

Interment will be held in the St. Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Greensburg.

Memorials may be made to the St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

Online condolences can be made to the family at [www.popfuneralhome.com](http://www.popfuneralhome.com)

### Nancy Fern Bryant

Feb. 21, 2020

Nancy Fern Bryant, 70, North Manchester, passed away on Feb. 21, 2020.

Nancy Bryant is survived by her husband, Hugh Bryant Sr.; sisters-in-law, Edith Collins, Virgie Chafin, Rose (Ed) Cox, and Joanne (Ralph) Oliver. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; son, Hugh Bryant Jr.; brothers, Donald and Billy Ed Chafin; sisters, Maudie Bragg, Edith Browning, Dorothy Funk, Joyette Bragg, and Georgia Walsh.

Family and friends may call Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Peabody Chapel, 400 West 7th Street, North Manchester.

Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling.

### LaDonna M. Gale

Feb. 21, 2020

LaDonna M. Gale, 84, North Manchester, passed away Feb. 21, 2020.

The loving memory of LaDonna M. Gale will be forever cherished by her sons, Richard (Penni) Gale and Mark (Laura) Gale; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren with two more on the way; and her lifelong best friend, Nancy Coble.

Family and friends may call Friday, Feb. 28, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, Indiana.

Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Burial will be at Nolt Cemetery, Whitley County, Indiana.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

### Charles Harper

Feb. 20, 2020

Charles Harper, 78, North Manchester passed away Feb. 20, 2020.

Charles will be remembered by sons, Mitchell (Tracy) Harper, Christopher Harper, Aaron (Leslie Shewman) Harper; daughter, Sarah (Kim) Carpenter; brother, William (Trish) Harper; one sister, Cheryl (Richard) Conroy; grandchildren, Blake (Emily) Harper, Colton Harper, Kailen (Haylee Bidwell) Carpenter, Kamden Carpenter, Konner Carpenter, Jaxon Harper, Emerson Harper; and great-grandchild, Kynnley Carpenter.

Charlie was also survived by his special friend, Jan Butcher.

Calling Feb. 26, 2020 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West.

Services for Charles will begin at 8 p.m. on Feb. 26, 2020.

### Dr. Rex Wieland

Feb. 22, 2020

Dr. Rex Wieland, 71, North Manchester, passed away Feb. 22, 2020.

Rex is survived by children, Heather (Matt) Howard, Kyle (Julia) Wieland, Heidi (Jennifer Howard) Wieland, and Kasha (Raju) Shah; grandchildren, Brooklyn Carsyn, Avery Howard, Austin Wieland, London Spangle, Kaidyn and Trey Howard, and Rae-gen and Remik Shah; sisters, Ann (Robert) Gump, and Tammy (Brian) Nelson, many beloved relatives, people he became a father figure to, and friends.

A celebration of Rex’s life will be held at Manchester University’s Cordier Auditorium on March 7, 2020. Visiting hours 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. with service to follow.

Arrangements are entrusted to McKee Mortuary.

## FOLLOW UP SERVICES

Funeral Services for Paul Harold Brane, 85, of rural LaFontaine, were 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 21, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Delmar Fenwick officiated and Marilyn Speicher was the musician. Memories were shared by his granddaughter, Sarah Patton. Pallbearers were Michael Brane, Samuel Brane, Darryl Brane, Brian Brown, Ron Scott, and John Scott. Burial was in LaFontaine I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Funeral Services for Vera “Maxine” Baker, 83, formerly of Lagro, were 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Tim Prater officiated.

Funeral Services for Dessie Sturgeon, 106,

of Wabash, were 1p.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Rev. Jonathan Cornell officiated. Memories were shared by Dessie’s sons Don Wolpert and Richard Wolpert, and other family members. Burial was in Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

Funeral Services for Pearl Mae Sturgill, 78, of rural Roann, were 10 a.m., Monday, February 24, 2020 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel. Pete Powell officiated. Obituary was read by her niece, Sonia Poe. Pallbearers were Bill Sturgill, Jr., Bo Sturgill, Bob Sturgill, James Sturgill, Bobby Sturgill, and Tisha Lynn. Entombment was in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash.

### Helen Elizabeth Shanks

June 12, 1926 – Feb. 22, 2020

Helen Elizabeth Shanks, 93, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 at her home. She was born June 12, 1926 in Wabash County, Indiana to Garl Henry and Mary (Gibney) Hettmansperger.

Helen was a 1944 graduate of Lagro High School and also attended the Ball State Teachers College. She married Dale Shanks in Wabash on July 30, 1978; he died Jan. 16, 2004. She worked at Deluxe Coil and Sears, both of Wabash, RCA in Marion, and retired in 1994, from Fisher Body, Marion. Helen was a member of the Presbyterian Church, a Garden Club in Marion, was a Grant

County Master Gardener, member and Past President of the Grant County Evening Garden Club, the Friends of Quilters, and the Red Hat Fun Bunch all of Marion, Indiana. She was also a member of the Wabash Woman’s Clubhouse and the Wabash County Museum. Helen enjoyed church, her friends, gardening, the Red Hat Group, and loved her family and reading to her grandchildren.

She is survived by six children, Patrick (Marilyn) Davis of Wabash, Ed (Carol) Davis of LaFontaine, Indiana, Will (Ulonda) Davis of Wabash, Teresa Lynn (Buddy) Weatherford of Darlington, South Carolina, Jodi (Rita)



Shanks of Gas City, Indiana, and Rocky (Kim) Shanks of Marion, 18 grandchildren, several great grandchildren, and her brother, Robert (Susie) Hettmansperger of Wabash.

### Joyce Evelyn Tester

Feb. 27, 1942 – Feb. 23, 2020

Joyce Evelyn Tester, 77, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne. She was born Feb. 27, 1942 in Dayton, Ohio to Charles, Sr. and Mildred (Gariety) Bernholt.

Joyce was a 1960 graduate of Immaculate Conception High School in Celina, Ohio. She attended Mt. St. Joseph University in Cincinnati and graduated with her bachelor’s degree from the University of Dayton. Joyce married Lloyd “Lee” Tester in Celina, Ohio on Nov. 14, 1964. She worked 21 years at Miller’s Merry Manor, retiring as the office manager. Mrs. Tester was a member of St. Bernard Catholic Church where she was part of the Ladies



Guild and a previous member of the Parish Council. She enjoyed reading, shopping, flowers, playing BINGO with her grandkids, and collecting cookbooks, Longaberger baskets, and tea sets.

She is survived by her husband, Lloyd “Lee” Tester of Wabash, four sons,

Douglas J. (Kristi) Tester of Hometown, Indiana, Daniel L. (Amy) Tester of Peru, Indiana, David A. (Helen) Tester of Laketon, Indiana, and Darrin Tester of Zionsville, Indiana, seven grandchildren, Katlynn R. Tester of Fort Wayne, Kyle R. Tester of Peru, Bryce and Derek Tester, both of Hometown, Adriene (Brandon) Warren of Liberty Mills, Indiana, and Andrea Kahn and Peyton Tester, both of Laketon, two great-grandchildren, Bentley and Brooklyn Warren, both of Liberty Mills, two sisters, Mary Lou Legido of Miami Springs, Florida and Margie A. (Dennis) Keeling of Celina, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Charles C. Bernholt, Jr..

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 29, 2020 at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 188 W. Sinclair, Wabash, with Father Levi Nkwocha officiating. Entombment will be in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 p.m. -7 p.m., Friday, with a Rosary service at 7 p.m., all at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash.

Preferred memorials are the Life Center of Wabash or St. Bernard Catholic Church and School.

The memorial guest book for Joyce may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### John Howard Erb

April 24, 1935 – Feb. 21, 2020

John Howard Erb, 84, of Wabash, Indiana, died at 3:45 a.m., Friday, Feb 21, 2020 at Miller’s Merry Manor East in Wabash. He was born April 24, 1935 in Wabash, to Emerson Clayton Sr. and Leah Madesa (Figert) Erb.

John was born and raised in Wabash. He served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. John

retired from civil service at the Henderson Nevada Atomic Test Site and lived most of his life in Las Vegas, Nevada. He moved back to Wabash in 2014. He was a life-member of the American Legion and a member of the Wabash Eagles Lodge. The family of John Erb would like to thank the staff at Millers Merry Manor East for their

loving care.

He is survived by his brothers, Captain R. David (Kathleen) Erb, USN Ret of Anderson, Indiana, and Bob (Marlene) Erb of Fort Wayne, Indiana, sister-in-law, Martha Erb of Wabash, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, James and Emerson Clayton Erb, Jr.

A private family inurn-

ment service will be held in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Preferred memorial is Wabash Eagles Lodge.

The memorial guest book for John may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

### How to submit news tips

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# Opinion

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 123 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



## DAILY SCRIPTURE

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

Romans 8:15

## OUR TAKE

# Our jail system needs reforms

There are a lot of ways this lawsuit by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) against the county and sheriff can turn out.

Since the evidence to prove or disprove the allegations hasn't been presented to a court of law yet, the public will need to wait until this goes to trial to hear both sides and fully understand what's going on.

Putting those allegations aside, the overcrowding issue Wabash County Jail faces isn't a new phenomenon.

Our paper has written about it many times before.

In 2007, former Wabash County Sheriff Leroy Striker noted that the jail was overcrowded 100 percent of the time, with an average population that year of nearly 93 inmates, according to past Plain Dealer reports. The capacity at that time was 60 beds. The annual jail report showed there was inadequate lighting, too few showers and toilets, inadequate security and public health concerns.

Striker and county officials coordinated on some remodeling soon after, bringing the bed total up to 72 in 2007, but the issue persisted.

Fast forward to 2010. The jail remained above 100 percent over capacity the entire year. Accordingly, nearly all the same issues were reported while under former Sheriff Bob Land's watch.

In 2012, the jail got a small upgrade. County officials

remodeled the exercise area of the jail, which was defunct for more than a year, according to Plain Dealer reports.

In 2014, state inspectors complained about how the outdoor recreation area was closed among the issues we are familiar with.

The jail population dipped under 2007 levels for parts of Land's tenure. In 2016, reports show an average population of about 82 inmates, but the inspectors still asked the county to address lighting, temporary holding space, medical supervision and exams, outdoor recreation space and inmate supervision.

Not a day passed by in 2019 where the jail wasn't above full capacity. Now the jail holds more than 100 people regularly, according to Sheriff Ryan Baker's weekly updates to the county commissioners.

What's concerning now is how a quick read of the ACLU complaint shows eerily similar allegations to the ones state inspectors have been making for years.

It's easy to think this issue falls on the sheriff's since they oversee the jail daily, but it shouldn't. While the sheriff oversees the jail's staff, he can't control the county purse. Each sheriff has communicated to the public that something needs to be done, but they can't control the finances to fund the construction necessary. That is county council's job, so those elected officials over the years

are just as much of the problem as anyone.

That's why this lawsuit seems misguided. The county leadership is surely to blame, but naming the most-recent sheriff by name in this lawsuit seems inappropriate and sensational.

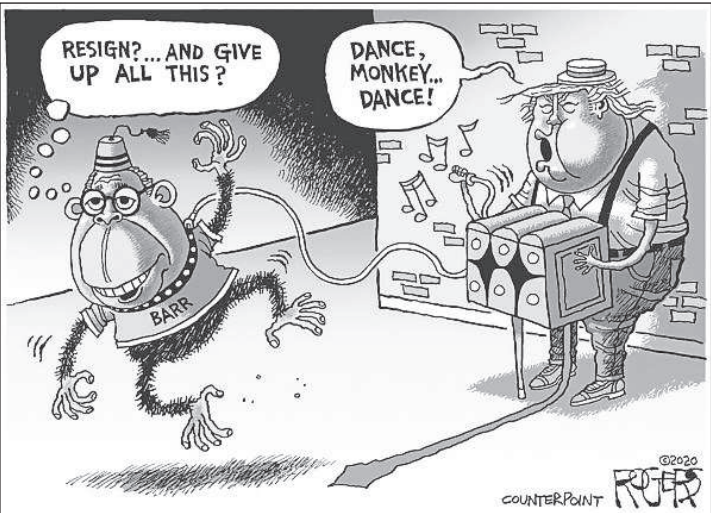
Our prosecutor plays a part in this, and our judicial officers do too. There needs to be more investment in keeping people out of jail, not putting people in jail.

Petty drug possession charges shouldn't carry long sentences. Drug dealers should be held accountable for profiting off people's pain, but drug users need guidance and help.

Our system needs reforms. The county's public officials, collectively, who haven't spoken up and fought fervently to deal with these issues should be on the hook. Each one took money from our pockets when they cashed in on their salary, and each one probably wanted to dodge telling the public that a tax increase was necessary.

While county leadership needs to take ownership that not enough of an investment has been made to remedy jail issues, we also recognize the state has a role to play as well. Forcing county jails to house those convicted of Level 6 felonies places an ongoing burden at the local level.

The harsh reality is that the taxpayers will pay to fix these issues one way or another. It's up to us to push for change and action.



## Returning to economic growth requires patience

A full eight weeks have passed since the unveiling of New Year's resolutions. Like most of us, mine lies abandoned, which means I will

**Michael Hicks**



not receive that free YMCA attendance shirt again this year. This brevity of resolve is an apt metaphor for the dilemma facing many Hoosier communities, and

places across the Midwest.

Over the course of a year, I am asked to deliver about 50 talks in various places around the state. Most of these presentations are about the common worries of slow-growing places. So, to groups of elected leaders, major employers, and civic-minded folks I explain the findings from decades of research on the topic.

Readers of this column will find my prescriptions familiar. People hoping for a growing local economy must first make communities in which people would wish to live. I explain that this means focusing on the quality of local schools, remediating blight, ensuring there are parks and trails, and otherwise removing barriers to new residents.

With the exception of school quality, I try not to be too specific about needs. Every community is different and has different priorities. Perhaps the best way to set these priorities is by asking residents in a formal, diligent and inclusive way. In finding remedies to problems, the most important voices are apt to be those who are least often consulted. This fundamental lesson is too often ignored from neighborhood association boards to city hall.

My talks are generally well-received, the factors that cause population growth are familiar to anyone who has looked for a home. But there is also pushback and consterna-

tion about my ideas. Many people in the Midwest have lived in one place all their lives, and are ignorant of the factors that influence mobile households. Others are simply wedded to yesterday's policies.

I find both positions puzzling. The data is overwhelming supportive of my position. For example, over the past 50 years Indiana has spent more than a billion dollars a year for on economic development, yet we have fewer 'attractable' jobs now than we did 50 years ago. At the same time, our incomes have steadily dropped relative to the nation as a whole. Maybe the saddest fact is that in a state that beat Great Britain to universal literacy, we now have educational attainment closer to that of Mississippi than the national average.

The traditional economic development model is now a half-century old in Indiana. It has failed the state. As a fiscal conservative, I object to the continued waste of a billion dollars a year in economic development spending. But, the billion dollars is only the tip of the iceberg. The real losses come in the under-investment in things that mattered to families over the past half century.

It isn't just that we have spent money on the wrong things, like piling on business incentives and constructing vast empty business parks. These were mostly wasted, but the real damage lies in ignoring the things that could've delivered mattered. For a half century we've been told that a business-friendly environment with few regulations and low taxes were critical to our economic development model. The failure of that policy is readily evident to anyone who looks.

So far in this century, the City of San Francisco has had more than twice the economic growth of Indiana. The average citizen of San Francisco is twice as productive as the average Hoosier. While I wouldn't advise

mimicking the City by the Bay, clearly higher taxes and spending doesn't deter economic growth and productivity.

Interestingly, both Indiana and San Francisco have nearly identical population growth this century. However, more than 85 percent of our growth has occurred in the Indianapolis metropolitan area alone. If it weren't for the success of the relatively high tax regions of our state, we'd have lost another half-million residents over the past 20 years. The simple fact is that households value public services more than in years past, and this is especially true among more mobile, educated and productive households. These things cost money. Again, I don't say this because they sound good, I say it because literally hundreds of studies, across all the developed world, report these results.

In speaking to communities, I tell the same story. If you wish to grow, be more like the fast-growing counties around Indianapolis or in San Francisco. What I also say is that getting there takes time. The greater Indianapolis area has been working on quality of place improvements for at least 50 years. San Francisco has been at it even longer. For many communities, this is more like a resolution for a new century, not just a new year. Patience and diligent effort matters. There are no quick solutions, only long ones.

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## LETTERS

### Man's greatest folly

Believing in man, instead of God the creator, is man's greatest folly. man's failure to learn and teach God's Word, throughout the world, as He directed, has resulted in the world we live in today. The world has gone mad.

A world that goes against God and His will for man, whom He created in his image. A world mostly ignorant of God and "The Word of God."

The beginning history of humanity and the universe, and its creation, was told to Moses by God. Moses wrote the first five books of the Holy Bible, "The Word of God" while almost in constant contact with the Creator himself for over 40 years.

God selected a reluctant Moses, as the leader to free God's chosen people from over 400 years of enslavement by the country of Egypt. But Moses thought God's chosen people would not believe that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had appeared to him and sent him to deliver them from bondage.

To convince him to go, and to convince God's chosen people, He told Moses to cast his shepherd rod on the ground. When it hit the ground, it turned into a serpent, which scared Moses. Then He told him to grab the serpent by its tail, and when he did, it turned back into the rod.

God also told Moses to stick his hand under his clothes on his breast, and then told him to pull it out, and when he did, his "hand was leprous as snow." God then had him repeat the cycle, and when he did his hand was back to normal.

Then God told Moses those two signs and wonders should convince them that the God of their fathers had sent him to free them. But if not, then to draw some water from the river and pour it on dry ground and it would turn into blood.

The Bible tells of two occasions when Moses climbed up the mountain and spent 40 days and 40 nights with God, during which Moses did not drink water or eat bread. Moses spent more time with God, on Earth, than any other human being.

As witnessed by the apostles, Peter, James, and John, they saw Moses (accompanied by the prophet Elijah) talking to Jesus some fourteen centuries later, at what is called the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew Chapter 17).

From the information above, one would think it is enough, for Man to believe in God, and that there is life after death. Yet, they say that "Scholarly consensus sees Moses as a legendary figure and not a historical person while retaining the possibility that a Moses-like figure existed."

Apparently, the miseducated scholars, rather than believe in God, and the Word of God, believe the artistic sequence drawing of an ape, followed by subsequent drawing changes and eventually turning into a human. But an ape is an ape, and a human being is a human being. Thank God for the difference.

It has been said that Charles Darwin thought it was absurd to believe that the human eye "could have been formed by natural selection." But it is far more absurd to disbelieve God, the Creator, who created everything, including us, than to believe Darwin, and his ungodly "Theory of Evolution."

Man's unbelief leads to hell.

**Manuel Ybarra, Jr.  
Coalgate, Oklahoma**

## Talking to teens about dating violence

By LINDA WILK

There are word bubbles about how to talk to a teen about dating violence in the side window at Modoc's Market during February.

These word bubbles are from local teens who are part of the Teens Against Dating Abuse (TADA) group which is a program of Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society.

This month, across the nation, special emphasis is being placed on abusive teen relationships, so locally TADA members from Wabash and Southwood high schools gave their input to us adults.

"Take it serious," said a Wabash County TADA Member. "Teen relationships have meaning and purpose, don't belittle and make fun. Listen and be helpful."

"The adult could sit down and talk to the teen about it calmly" Ellen, a Wabash High School TADA Member wrote. "Try to understand what the teen is going through."

Each year, nearly 1.5 million high school students nationwide experience physical abuse from a dating partner.

This is an issue that impacts everyone – not just teens – but their parents, teachers, friends and communities as well. Together, we can raise the nation's awareness about teen dating violence and promote safe, healthy relationships.

That is why adults, parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone who interacts with teens must know what to say to a teen about abuse.

"Listen to what they say," Kaylee, a Wabash High School member said. "Understand them throughout what's going on."

The importance of just listening came across in most of the thoughts TADA members had to say.

TADA members also shared for the window in downtown Wabash, why they got involved in TADA.

A few of those responses are:

"I am in this group because I wanted to spread awareness, said Tabitha, a Southwood High School member. "I joined this group in 7th grade to see what it was really about and my TADA group ended up being family to me. I love to spread awareness and educate others on what a healthy and unhealthy relationship is like."

For two other TADA members the reason was more direct – "I have lived through violence at home, so I joined TADA" and "I have seen abuse in my family and the TADA group has been a good experience."

One of the main purposes of TADA is for teens to educate their peers about the difference between a healthy and unhealthy relationship. The TADA groups are facilitated by Megan Long the Hands of Hope Prevention Educator and TADA Facilitator at Wabash and Southwood high schools.

For more information about teen dating violence or Hands of Hope visit [www.famservices.com](http://www.famservices.com) or find Hands of Hope on Facebook.

Linda S. Wilk is director of Hands of Hope, a division of Family Service Society, in Marion.



# Business

## Don't just organize your closets. Here's how to Marie Kondo your financial files.

Japanese organizing guru Marie Kondo has inspired a lot of people to be merciless about getting rid of stuff.

If you're a convert to her decluttering philosophy you

know Kondo says that what stays needs to "spark joy."



But keeping your favorite old pair of jeans is just not the same as deciding what financial documents can be sent to the shredder.

So, look at tidying up your financial files a different way. Think about getting organized not for yourself but for the person who has to help find your paperwork should you become incapacitated or die.

I know. No joy in that last statement.

But I've been a part of (or have witnessed) many efforts to help settle estates, and often it's an exasperating process. People are grieving, and yet they've got to hunt through the mountains of accumulated papers to piece together a person's financial life. Is this a mess you want to leave behind?

Perhaps you have a will. But have you maintained a straightforward filing system that would allow folks to find what they need to execute your wishes?

Would they know where you bank? Could they easily

put their hands on your insurance documents to learn whether there is enough money to fund your funeral and burial?

Where is your birth certificate? Did you serve in the military? Where is your discharge paperwork?

By decluttering and creating a filing system, you might even find some money. I did. I'm in the process of tidying up my office – again – and I've unearthed about \$50 in cash and gift cards from a previous birthday.

After recently helping someone sort through his mother's files just after she died, I've renewed my commitment to purge unneeded paperwork. I've got a lovely home office, but stepping over piles of paper is stressing me out.

As I was organizing and boxing up the many personal finance books I receive, I came across a new edition of "Homefile: Financial Planning Organizer," by certified financial planners J. Michael Martin and his wife Mary Martin, who passed away in 2007. I first reviewed their filing system 15 years ago.

The Martins' adult children (Sean and Kevin) have worked on keeping the Homefile organizer going in their mother's honor. I'm recommending the latest version for the Color of Money Book Club for this month. It's available only at homefile.net.

Of course, you can keep

digital copies of your records, but you often still need originals of certain documents. When my mother passed away, we needed several original copies of her death certificate.

Included in the Martins' simple system is a 48-page handbook with instructions on organizing your files. You also get hard stock cards separated into 22 categories that you drop into a hanging folder (not included).

Here's what I like about this particular system. The cards tell you exactly what to put into each folder so that you don't have to guess what goes where. There's also a section on each card that points out where similar documents should be filed.

For example, the tax card instructs you to include your federal and state tax returns and supporting documents. But your W-2 forms are placed in the employment folder. Each card also has a section with instructions of when to remove what you've filed.

How long should you keep your tax return?

There's a note for that. Tax professionals generally recommend that you keep records for at least seven years.

The cards also include helpful reminders such as to not keep your original will in a safe deposit box, which can be inaccessible upon your death. If the original is locked up, your heirs may need to go

to court – at a cost – to get access to it. You should instead file it with your local jurisdiction's Registrar of Wills or give it to your attorney or the person you've designated to be the personal representative for your estate.

Homefile helps you set up an archive system. Yes, some documents need to be kept indefinitely. But clear out the fat folder with insurance policies for cars you don't even own anymore.

If you need a push to organizer here's one – tax season. It's a great time to tackle this task, because you've got all your paperwork out already.

I am hosting an online discussion about the "Homefile" system at noon Eastern time on Feb. 27 at washingtonpost.com/discussions. Sean Martin, a graphic designer, will join me as a guest. Let's talk about how organizing your paperwork can bring your whole family peace of mind and, yes, spark some joy.

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## Parkview Health hosting career expo, open interviews for registered nurses

Event planned from 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26

By STAFF REPORT

Parkview Health is putting out a regional call for registered nurses, according to a press release.

Seeking to attract candidates from northeast Indiana and beyond, the Parkview Health Career Expo for RNs will be 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26 at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation, 10622 Parkview Plaza Drive, Fort Wayne.

Attendees will learn about the Parkview culture, meet with leaders and participate in on-site interviews. Qualified candidates could potentially leave with a contingent job offer. Refreshments and giveaways will also be offered.

Registration for the expo is encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome. Everyone who registers by Tuesday, Feb. 25, will be eligible for a gift. Those who register

and will travel more than 50 miles one way will receive a \$50 Visa gift card. To register for the expo, visit [parkview.com/NurseExpo](http://parkview.com/NurseExpo).

Nurses who can't attend the expo can still participate in open interviews, offered four times a week in Fort Wayne. At Parkview Regional Medical Center, 11109 Parkview Plaza Drive, open interviews are 5 to 7 p.m. every Monday, and 10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday. At Parkview Hospital Randallia, 2200 Randallia Drive, open interviews are 5 to 7 p.m. every Tuesday, and 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday. At either hospital, candidates should go to Entrance 1 and check-in with the information desk, where they will be met by a member of the Talent Acquisition team.

For more information on nursing opportunities with Parkview, email [nursing@parkview.com](mailto:nursing@parkview.com), call 260-266-7263 or visit the Careers page on the Parkview website. You may also connect with a recruiter by texting "Parkview" to 97211.

## Indiana American Water accepting applications for environmental grant

Funds available for community projects in the company's service areas

By STAFF REPORT

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, the largest publicly-traded U.S. water and wastewater utility company, is now accepting applications for its 2020 Environmental Grant Program, according to a press release.

Indiana American Water's Environmental Grant Program offers funds for innovative, community-based environmental projects that improve, restore or protect the watersheds, surface water and/or groundwater supplies through partnerships. Last year, Indiana American Water funded several watershed projects across the state. In 2020, the company will be awarding several grants for a combined total of more than \$10,000.

To qualify, proposed projects must:

- Address a source water or watershed protection need in the community.

- Be completed between May 1 and Nov. 30.

- Be a new or innovative program for the community, or serve as a significant expansion to an existing program.

- Be carried out by a formal or informal partnership between two or more organizations.

- Provide evidence of sustainability (continued existence after the grant monies are utilized).

- Be located within one of Indiana American Water's service areas across the state.

Projects will be judged based on criteria that include clarity of project goals and projected impact, strength of collaboration with other community and municipal organizations and evidence that the project will provide sustainable environmental results after Indiana American Water's funding ends.

Applications must be postmarked by March 31 and mailed to Indiana American Water, 153 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, IN 46143, ATTN: Joe Loughmiller.

Award recipients will be notified by April 30.

For more information, visit <https://amwater.com/inaw/newscommunity/environmental-grant-program>.

## If you earn more than \$100K and haven't paid your taxes, an IRS officer may soon show up at your front door

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

Are you a high-income individual who hasn't filed a tax return for 2018 or a previous year? Been ducking your tax bill? If so, you might be getting a knock on your door.

The IRS announced it's going to increase face-to-face visits over the next several weeks to people who earn more than \$100,000 and have repeatedly ignored payment-due notices from the agency.

The home drop-ins aren't meant to frighten or intimidate people – just bring them into compliance, said Paul Mamo, head of collection operations for the IRS' Small Business/Self-Employed Division.

"We want to really protect the integrity of the tax system by ensuring that everyone is adhering to their tax filing and payment obligation," Mamo said.

The agency expects an initial 800 visits across the country conducted by dozens of officers by the end of March, with thousands more expected throughout the rest of the year.

People may get a call to set up an appointment to discuss their tax debt, but in many cases the revenue officers will make unannounced visits, said Hank Kea, the director of

field collection operations.

"These visits should not, will not, come as a surprise to the taxpayer, because the IRS has contacted these individuals multiple times regarding their tax issues prior to their cases being assigned to an IRS revenue officer to address," Kea said during a recent conference call with reporters.

The revenue officers are trained civil enforcement employees who will conduct interviews to determine the best way for people to voluntarily file their returns and pay whatever they owe.

I need to pause right here. A lot of people have been getting fraudulent calls claiming that they owe nonexistent tax debt. It's important that you take precautions so as not to fall for one of these cons. Scammers may use this latest announcement from the IRS to scare even more people into giving them money or revealing personal information.

Revenue officers will always provide two forms of official credentials that include a serial number and photo. Most importantly, they will not threaten you with arrest or demand you pay the IRS with gift cards or some other unusual payment method.

The visiting officer will request that you pay up, but you'll be given a number of

options, including setting up an installment agreement. If you haven't been getting correspondence from the IRS, you are not a target. Again, the IRS is focusing on people who know they owe.

"There have been several contacts made to these taxpayers over the course of several months and, in some cases, several years," Mamo said.

The effort to track down high-income tax scofflaws is part of a larger initiative to collect all overdue taxes.

Over the next few weeks, the IRS plans to add about 850 employees spread out in 19 locations to staff key collection telephone lines. Earlier this month, the agency said it is gearing up to hire 1,000 additional seasonal workers who are all being specially trained to handle calls from people who have received balance-due notices for unpaid taxes.

"In those instances where the taxpayer refuses to file or pay their taxes, it's important to remember that IRS has a number of options, including civil enforcement actions, even when appropriate, considering pursuit of criminal cases against those who refuse to comply with the law," Kea said.

Even if you can't pay your bill, you should still file your tax return by April 15. The

failure-to-file penalty is usually 5 percent of the tax owed for each month that your return is late, up to a maximum of 25 percent. By the way, filing an extension does not give you more time to pay your tax bill. It just gives you more time to file your return.

There's also a penalty for failing to pay your entire tax bill on time, plus interest.

I asked the IRS for an example of how such penalties can rack up. Let's say a person had a hypothetical tax bill of \$15,000 on a 2017 income tax return that was supposed to have been filed by April 15, 2018. The individual eventually filed the return a year later but without having made any payments on the debt.

The penalty for failing to file would be \$3,750. The late payment penalty would be \$900. After penalties and interest, the total due would be \$20,464.42.

If you can't pay and you've been getting notices, it is critical that you contact the IRS as soon as possible, because interest and penalties can quickly add up. The longer you wait, the worse it gets.

If you've received a balance-due notice in the mail from the IRS, find the toll-free number and call it to discuss payment options. Don't wait for the doorbell to ring.

## Indiana teacher gun training legislation failing amid opposition

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A legislative proposal for requiring annual training for teachers who carry guns inside Indiana schools was scuttled amid a disagreement over whether it infringed on gun rights.

The state Senate approved the bill this month, but a House committee chairman said Monday that he wouldn't be taking any action on the proposal ahead of this week's deadline for advancing it.

The proposal specifies a 40-hour training program for teachers volunteering to be armed. It included 20 hours of scenario-based training

and six hours of marksmanship, along with reviews about lawful use of force and personality screening, followed by 16 hours of additional training each year.

Republican Sen. Chris Gerten of Charlestown urged support for the proposal because teachers can be armed with permission of their school districts but the state doesn't have any training requirements. The proposal faced opposition from gun-rights supporters as being too heavy-handed and usurping local control.

House Education Committee Chairman Robert Behning, an Indianapolis Republican, said he was troubled by the bill mandating the training in such detail.

"It just seemed to me that was too prescriptive and we're putting it into law that this is the way it's going to be forever," Behning said.

School safety has gained attention around Indiana following shootings in 2018 at a Noblesville middle school in which a boy wounded a classmate and teacher, and at a Richmond middle school where a boy shot out a door and at officers before killing himself. A handful of school districts now allow some teachers to carry guns in schools.

The training bill, which cleared the Senate on a 42-7 vote, also faced opposition from the gun control group Moms Demand Action as a step toward "normalizing" a

high-risk strategy of arming teachers.

A similar training bill failed last year.

Garten, who served in Iraq with the Marines, said he considered himself a strong supporter of the Constitution's Second Amendment and hoped to eventually reach a compromise.

"We tried this last year, too," he said. "I think it is an ongoing conversation that needs to continue."

Behning said he didn't see much prospect of an agreement being reached by the time this year's 10-week legislative session ends in mid-March.

"I only have so much time and, frankly, this is a fairly contentious issue," he said.

## Do Just One Thing

Storing leftovers in the refrigerator used to mean covering bowls with non-recyclable plastic cling wrap or using plastic storage containers that can stain and take on odors very easily. Silicone food storage lids are a good investment that can turn any bowl or container into an airtight storage container. The lids

simply wrap around the top and create an instant seal. They're also freezer- and microwave-safe, they don't take on odor or stains, and they can be washed and used over and over. And while silicone itself is not recyclable, the lids don't leak any chemicals into the environment when thrown away.

## Indiana teen charged with double homicide

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A 16-year-old Indianapolis youth was charged Monday with murder as an adult for allegedly fatally shooting two teenage siblings.

Lometreus Sanders faces two counts of murder, dangerous possession of a firearm and carrying a handgun without a license, court records state.

Sanders is charged in the Aug. 23 slayings of 16-year-

old Nicholas Nelson and his 15-year-old sister, Ashlynn Nelson, at their home in an apartment complex on the city's far east side.

Sanders, who was 15 at the time of the slayings, initially was charged in juvenile court days after the slaying. He was waived to adult court on Thursday.

Online court records do not list an attorney for Sanders.



# Deadline approaching for Indiana Governor’s Fellows program

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The deadline is days away to apply for the 2020-2021 Indiana Governor’s Fellowship. An application and supporting materials must be postmarked or submitted by email by Friday. The Governor’s Fellowship places people in various state agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year. The program is open to college graduates who received their bachelor’s degree last fall or will get one in spring. Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the daily activities of state government. Many Governor’s Fellow participants have gone on to successful careers in the public and private sectors, with some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government. The application can be found online at [www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm](http://www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm). Questions about the fellowship can be submitted to the governor’s office at [jsuess@gov.in.gov](mailto:jsuess@gov.in.gov).

# Illinois contractor faces federal fraud charges in Indiana

HAMMOND (AP) — An Illinois contractor faces federal charges in Indiana for allegedly defrauding a blight removal program of nearly \$100,000 in phony invoices. Mahmoud “Mike” Alshuaibi was indicted by a grand jury on six felony counts of wire fraud, theft and making false statements, according to The (Northwest Indiana) Time s. He’s the owner of IESCO Construction, Inc. of South Holland, Illinois. He surrendered Thursday at a hearing before Magistrate Judge John Martin. He’s accused of stealing money from the Hardest Hit Fund, a federal program to demolish abandoned houses and eliminate urban blight. It was immediately unclear he had an attorney. A message left Sunday at a listed phone number wasn’t immediately returned.

# New riverboat passes sea trials, set for April cruise

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The American Queen Steamboat Co. says its newest cruise paddlewheeler has passed its second sea trial and will make its first cruise in April from New Orleans to Memphis. The 245-passenger American Countess went through the Intracoastal Waterway from Houma – where Gulf Island Shipyard cut it in half and added 60 feet to its length – to Morgan City, Louisiana, as part of its trial, the company said in a news release. The ship is now 318 feet long. It will move to New Orleans in late February for four weeks of finishing touches. The American Countess was built on the hull of the Kanesville Queen, which was part of a Harrah’s casino in Council Bluff, Iowa, for 17 years before being scrapped in 2013. American Queen Steamboat Co., based in New Albany, Indiana, has three other paddlewheel cruise boats. One works in the Pacific Northwest. The American Countess will be the third traveling along the Mississippi River and its tributaries. It is to be christened April 4 and to begin its first cruise April 5.

## PULSE

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**Somerset Lions Club to hold euchre event**  
The Somerset Lions Club is set to host a euchre event Saturday, Feb. 29 in the Somerset Community Building. The entry fee is \$10. Registration is from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Play begins at 2 p.m. There will be cash prizes for Most Loners, Highest Score, Second Highest Score, 50-50 Drawing and two drawings for the entry fee. Soft drinks, hot dogs, cookies and chips will be available for a donation. Proceeds will support Somerset projects.

**Eagles Lodge plans concert**  
The Fraternal Order of the Eagles has planned a concert of the Steel Rail Band at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 29 at 140 Walter St. There is no cost, alcohol will be available for purchase and all attendees must be 18 years or older.

**Manchester hosts Spartan Smash high school eSports tourney**  
High school teams across the Midwest are invited to the Spartan Smash Invitational, a first-time eSports competition, set for Saturday, Feb. 29, on the North Manchester campus of Manchester University. Registration will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28. The tournament bracket will be made available that Saturday morning. Competition is in Flory Auditorium at the Science Center. For more information and registration, visit <https://smash.gg/tournament/spartan-smash-invitational>.

**Salamonie Senior Luncheon set for March 2**  
The monthly Salamonie Senior Luncheon will be held at noon on Monday, March 2, at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Anyone age 50 or older is welcome to attend. UWIS interpretive naturalist Shelly Reed will present the “Civilian Conservation Corps of Indiana” through an engaging trivia presentation. The program begins with a carry-in meal at noon. Ham and beans will be provided. Guests should bring a side dish to share, a beverage and their table service. A \$1 donation will be accepted. Reservations may be made by calling 260-468-2127.

**Salamonie Preschool offers ‘S is for Spring’ March 3**  
Preschool-age children and their adults are invited to Salamonie Preschool’s “S is for Spring” 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 3 at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 S. New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child. Advance registration is appreciated. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information on other UWIS programs, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](http://facebook.com/upperwabash).

**Employers invited to register for Manchester Career Fair**  
Employers are invited to meet students at the Manchester University career, internship and graduate school fair from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, at the upper level of the Jo Young Switzer Center on the North Manchester campus. Setup begins at 11:30 p.m. with lunch and informal networking. Each employer registered will receive a covered 6-foot table and two chairs.

The cost to register is \$40 to \$50, depending on the type of employer. Fair sponsorship is also available for \$150. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/MUCAreerFair2020>. Employers with questions may email [CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu](mailto:CareerDevelopment@manchester.edu).

**Create glass-on-glass framed mosaic image inspired by nature**  
The multi-day classes instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 5; Wednesday, March 11; Friday, March 13; Monday, March 16; and Tuesday, March 17, at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants should plan to attend each meeting. The cost is \$60 per person. Each participant will choose one: either a bee, red-tailed hawk or box turtle for their project. All materials will be supplied. All classes require advance registration with a deadline of Sunday, March 1. Space is limited. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

**Manchester University Theatre Society offers variety show**  
The Manchester University Theatre Society is putting on the Spring 2020 Variety Show at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5 in Cordier Auditorium. The show at the North Manchester campus is free and open to the public.

**‘Death by Chocolate’ tickets on sale**  
The Wabash Area Community Theater’s winter comedy “Death by Chocolate” will open at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7; and doors will open at noon and dinner is at 12:30 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at the Charley Creek Inn. Tickets are on sale now at the Charley Creek Inn reception desk. For more information, call Bruce Rovelstad at 260- 330-0543 or Bev Vanderpool at 765-661-8206.

**Richvalley Lions Club plans semi-annual Tenderloin Day**  
The Richvalley Lions Club has planned a semi-annual Tenderloin Day from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 7 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 Mill St. Hand-breaded tenderloins, baked potato, apple-sauce, baked beans, pickles, bread and butter will be served. The cost is \$9 each and children ages 10 to 12 will be \$5. Carry-outs will be available, and it will be all-you-can-eat for dine-in only.

**Beginner’s one-day stained-glass class scheduled**  
A beginner’s one-day stained-glass class instructed by local stained glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 8 at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The cost is \$25 per participant. A red-tailed hawk feather sun catcher will be made. All materials will be supplied. All classes require advance registration with a deadline of Sunday, March 1. Space is limited. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

**Woman’s Clubhouse to host March luncheon**  
The Woman’s Clubhouse will welcome Teresa Rody, interpretive manager from the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, with a program featuring live raptors, after the noon luncheon

Tuesday, March 10. Reynold’s Oil is sponsoring the live bird program. Make your reservations by calling Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331, or Mary Delauter, 260-563-6613 for the lunch and program or just the program.

**Salute to Ag Dinner to honor 2019 Farm Family of the Year**  
Grow Wabash County and the Salute to Ag committee have announced that Steve Flack and his family have been selected as the 2019 Farm Family of the Year. They will be recognized for their contributions to the Wabash County agriculture industry during Grow Wabash County’s annual Salute to Ag Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Heartland REMC, 350 Wedcor Ave. Tickets are \$20 each and sponsorship opportunities are available ranging from \$100 up to \$2,500. Registration may be completed by visiting [growwabashcounty.com/events](http://growwabashcounty.com/events), by emailing [info@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:info@growwabashcounty.com) or calling 260-563-5258.

**Komets game to celebrate Wabash County March 13**  
Wabash County will be the MVP during the third annual Wabash County Night at the Fort Wayne Komets game at 8:05 p.m. Friday, March 13 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum, 4000 Parnell Ave., Fort Wayne. While supplies last, tickets can be bought for \$15 per ticket at <https://groupmatics.events/event/Wabashcommunity3> or by emailing Mitch Meinholz at [mitch@komets.com](mailto:mitch@komets.com) or by calling 260-482-6812.

**Intermediate two-day stained-glass scheduled**  
A two-day intermediate class instructed by local stained-glass artist Katy Gray will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and Sunday, March 15 at Salamonie Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. All participants of this class must have had recent, prior stained

glass cutting and smoothing experience. The cost is \$40. The project will be a bee on a coneflower. All materials will be supplied. All classes require advance registration with a deadline of Sunday, March 1. Space is limited. Call 260-468-2127 for registration or questions.

**Adult mental Health First Aid training planned**  
Purdue Extension will offer Adult Mental Health First Aid training from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 at the Wabash REMC Community Room, 350 Wedcor Ave. The Mental Health First Aid program is open to any adult. For more information, visit [www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa](http://www.extension.purdue.edu/mhfa) or contact Mindy Mayes by email at [mayes7@purdue.edu](mailto:mayes7@purdue.edu) or by phone at 260-663-0661 ext. 1408.

**St. Trolley’s Day Tour on sale**  
Visit Wabash County has announced that tickets for the St. Trolley’s Day Tour happening on March 14 are available for purchase. Tour times offered are 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m. and will last about two hours. The St. Trolley’s Day Tour is \$25 per person and all-inclusive. To register for this tour, visit [www.VisitWabashCounty.com](http://www.VisitWabashCounty.com) and click on Tours/Trolley Rental. You may also stop in the Welcome Center at 221 S. Miami St., or call 260-563-7171. Tickets are \$25 per person and is due upon registration. You must be 21 or older to participate in this tour.

**Wabash Kiwanis Club’s Pancake Day returns in March**  
The Wabash Kiwanis Club will host its annual Pancake Day fundraiser, the service organization’s biggest annual fundraiser, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, at the Bob Elrod Exhibit Hall, located just off of Gillen Avenue at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest will return and will start at noon. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door for adults

(13 and older) and \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door for children ages 6-12. Children 5 and younger eat for free. Tickets are available from Wabash Kiwanis members. Those who have questions can contact Mike Keaffaber at [keaffabermmsdwc.k12.in.us](mailto:keaffabermmsdwc.k12.in.us).

**NMCH to host Smithsonian traveling exhibit**  
The North Manchester Center for History will be hosting the Smithsonian’s traveling exhibit, “Crossroads: Change in Rural America” from March 21 to May 3.

**Tour and visit St. Bernard Elementary School during March**  
Tour and visit St. Bernard Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. any Monday or Wednesday during the month of March at 191 N. Cass St. The school is enrolling grades pre-kindergarten through sixth grades. For more information call Pam Dyer at 260-563-5746.

**Manchester invites high school students to submit compositions**  
The Manchester University Department of Music seeks high school composers for its first Composition Workshop and Reading Session on Wednesday, April 8. They are invited to submit original compositions to be performed and recorded by Manchester University faculty musicians. The deadline is March 23. Send submissions to Reed at [tmreed@manchester.edu](mailto:tmreed@manchester.edu). Submissions should include a score (PDF or Finale file); contact information with name, phone number and mailing address; and name of high school currently attending. There is no fee to submit. Selected composers will be contacted with details about the evening event via email.

*Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to [news@wabashplainedealer.com](mailto:news@wabashplainedealer.com) no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.*



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## Squires drop narrow contest with Braves

In a back-and-forth affair, the Manchester boys' basketball team fell at home to Maconaquah on Friday, 64-63. The Squires led after each of the first three quarters before being outscored 16-14 in the fourth. Thane Creager had 19 points to lead the way.

## Knights thwart Norse, snap losing streak

Southwood's boys' basketball team ended it's four-game losing streak on Friday with a 75-55 win over Northfield. Carson Rich scored 18 points for the Knights while Gabe Lloyd and Jackson Simons each had 16. Clayton Tomlinson had a game-high 19 points for the Norse.

## Pacers lose Lamb with season-ending knee injury

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana Pacers guard Jeremy Lamb will miss the rest of this season with a left knee injury.

Lamb was injured in the second quarter of the Pacers' 46-point loss Sunday at Toronto. Team officials announced Monday that he had a torn anterior cruciate ligament, a torn lateral meniscus and a lateral fracture in the bone.

He will undergo surgery but no date has been determined.

Lamb started 42 games this season and was averaging 12.5 points, 4.3 rebounds and 2.1 assists. He joined the team as a free agent last summer and had been the staring guard until two-time All-Star Victor Oladipo returned from his knee injury in late January and reclaimed the job earlier this month.

## Oklahoma game announcer removed for comment

NEWKIRK, Okla. (AP) — An Oklahoma high school basketball game announcer called the names of the opposing team's players "disgusting," and was later removed from the game by the school's superintendent.

The announcer at Newkirk High School, whose name has not been released, said during player introductions before the Friday girl's district tournament finals that the names of the Crooked Oak players "are pretty disgusting, but I'm going to try and call 'em out."

### Submit your news

The *Plain Dealer* is accepting all news, varsity, junior varsity, middle school, elementary school and non-school affiliated recreational sports. To get a brief in the newspaper, please provide final score and any highlights pertaining to the event, including first and last names of participants. Reports must be received by 3 p.m. to make it in the following day's edition. Items may be:

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- Mailed into *Plain Dealer*, 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

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Manchester's Dylan Stroud (top) grapples with Mater Dei's Ashton Hayhurst during Friday's opening match.

# Stroud takes eighth at state meet

## Warmuth, Higgins fall in openers

By **SCOTT HUNT**  
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INDIANAPOLIS — Wabash County's trio of under-class wrestlers each experienced the difficulty that most often accompanies earning a trip to Bankers Life Fieldhouse for the Indiana high school state wrestling championships.

But Manchester sophomore Dylan Stroud used the IHSAA's 82nd-annual state championship event to create a bit of history, becoming the first Squire wrestler to earn a podium finish since 1984.

Stroud battled back from an early deficit to Evansville Mater Dei sophomore Ashton Hayhurst on Friday to earn a 7-5 win and assure himself of a spot on the podium in the 126-pound weight class.

Saturday was difficult for Stroud, who carried a 40-0 record into the day, and he endured his first three losses of the season to finish with the eighth-place medal. Still, it didn't diminish his accomplishment and Squire coach Byron Sweet was optimistic about what Stroud's future might hold.

"Getting up on the podium is something that's a dream for a lot of kids," Sweet said. "Eighth is still a great year for a sophomore. To come in

and to be able to win the Fort Wayne Semistate, become Manchester's first (state) placer since 1984, he's really gained a lot of history for the program right now and hopefully it's something that him and the whole rest of the program can build on."

For Wabash's junior duo of Ethan Higgins and Grant Warmuth, finishing fourth at the semistate in Fort Wayne meant each had to face a champion from another semistate and both had their seasons end on Friday night.

Higgins nearly lasted all three rounds against Wheeler senior Giovanni Diaz (42-2), who ended up finishing third in the 120-pound weight class, before Diaz scored a tech fall (25-10) with just

three seconds remaining in the third period.

Warmuth was matched with senior Nate Willman from North Posey in the opening round at 220 and lost by fall 32 seconds into the second round. Willman wrestled his way to a fourth-place finish.

"They both came out and wrestled hard. It's tough coming in here as a four seed and facing a one seed, a semistate champ," said Wabash coach Jake O'Neill. "Both knew that they had their hands full, but it wasn't like they went out there and laid down. They wrestled their hardest.

"They're both juniors. They can't be complacent on just

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# Brown too much for Apaches in home finale

By **JACOB RUDE**  
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Emotions were running high at home on Saturday for the Wabash boys' basketball team, perhaps a bit too high at times. In front of a packed house on Senior Night, the Apache boys' basketball team was forced to play catch up with Blackford much of the night and could not get over the hump, falling to the Bruins 62-53.

"We spot them an eight-point lead and they basically kept it the rest of the game," Wabash head coach Paul Wright said. "They're a good team. You got a guy that can shoot as well as Brown but you can't forget they have four other guys out there who shoot the ball really, really well. I thought, for the most part, we defended well. We were willing to give up volleyball line threes. We knew he was going to make him. They just did a great job of getting hustle plays. We just didn't get enough of them, they got more than us and that really allows you to sustain a lead like they did."

The early eight-point lead spotted to the visitors came in a flurry in the first period. After Dereck Vogel put the hosts up 10-6, Cameron Elam and Luke Brown alternated three-pointers on the next four Blackford possessions to give the Bruins



Blackford's Luke Brown (left) is defended by Wabash's Trenton Daughtry (right) during Saturday's game.

an 18-10 lead.

Wabash would fight through the first half to get itself back in the game, eventually tying the game at 25-25 on consecutive three-pointers from Jasper Walter and Joe Leland with 3:40 left in the first half.

But Blackford scored 11 of the final 12 points to close the second quarter and carry a 36-26 lead into the break.

Wabash would never really get itself back into the game in the second half. Vogel and Elijah Vander Velden combined to close the gap to 44-41 after back-to-back scores from the latter. But Blackford again responded as Brown buried a three-pointer and a pair of freebies to give Blackford a 49-41 lead heading into the fourth.

The margin touched four points on a pair of occasions in the fourth, the latter of those coming after a layup plus a foul from Vogel. But his free throw would miss and Brown, who scored 13 straight points at one stage in the second half for the Bruins, guided the guests through the final minutes to secure the comfortable win. "I thought we did well," Wright said of his team's defensive performance. "They average 77 (points) a game. I'm pleased with that. They've scored in the 90s and 80s. We just didn't shoot the ball very well. Their defense was pretty good as well. I was pleased defensively. If you can hold that team to basically 50 points like we did, we did what we could defensively to win this game. We just

didn't hit enough shots or get those hustle plays that we needed to get."

Brown finished just shy of his season average, scoring 31 points on 11-of-21 shooting overall and 5-of-10 shooting from deep. The junior also added seven assists and six steals.

Vogel had a team-high 20 points for Wabash while Vander Velden added 14. As a team, though, the Apaches shot 33 percent from the field and 23 percent from three-point territory on 31 attempts.

"I told them in (the locker room) the game is called basketball and you have to put the ball in the basket," Wright said. "At times we did, we'd hit two or three (in a row). But we could never string four or five together. They were able to do that. It seemed like whenever we missed a couple in a row, they'd go down there and bury a big three or get a big offensive rebound and put it up. It was a fun game, it was a great crowd.

"I just wish we could have come out with the victory, especially on Senior Night. These guys have done so much for us. They're one of the winningest classes in school history."

Wabash falls to 16-4 with the loss. The Apaches split their weekend doubleheader with a 71-48 win at Whitko on Friday, led by Vander Velden's 22 points.

# Durham, Jackson-Davis lead Indiana past No. 9 Penn State

By **MARK AMBROGI**  
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON — In a game full of wild swings, Indiana boxed out No. 9 Penn State.

The Hoosiers let a 19-point first-half lead completely disappear, fell behind by six and then rallied for a 68-60 victory Sunday.

"We play the game in 10 four-minute battles or rounds like a fight," Indiana coach Archie Miller said. "There is going to be swings and you have to fight through it and find way to weather it."

Al Durham scored 14 points and Trayce Jackson-Davis had 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Hoosiers (18-9, 8-8 Big Ten).

"We got off to great start and should have had a bigger lead going into halftime, but we made some dumb errors," Miller said. "We took a huge punch in the second half and times this year that punch has hurt us a lot more."

Devonte Green contributed 10 points for the Hoosiers, who made their final four free throws to help seal the win.

"At the end of the game, we made almost every single hard hustle play," Miller said. "We were able to make some plays when it was tough. We found a way to finish. For the most part, we played smart. We fought and finished the last two games well defensively."

Lamar Stevens, who was plagued with foul trouble all game, led Penn State (20-7, 10-6) with 29 points on 11-of-27 shooting.

"Lamar was great but he needs help," Penn State coach Patrick Chambers said. "When we are successful we are sharing the basketball. We were relying on one guy."

Penn State has been without Myreon Jones, who is averaging 14.1 points, who has missed the last five games with an undisclosed illness.

"You have give them a little bit of a pass when you have a guy that good that is not playing," Miller said. "Hopefully, he comes back because they are having a great year. They always grind you out and play hard."

The Nittany Lions opened the second half with 12 unanswered points to slice Indiana's 13-point halftime lead to 37-36. The Hoosiers' cold streak continued as Penn State took a 48-42 lead with 12:17 left.

"We came out at halftime and punched back," Chambers said, echoing the boxing theme. "That's a tough environment and we competed until the end."

In a game of long scoring droughts by each team, the Hoosiers regained control with a 11-0 run punctuated by a dunk by Jackson-Davis to take a 55-48 lead.

Justin Smith, who had nine points and eight rebounds, said the Hoosiers have been resilient in winning three of

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# Kobe Bryant's widow sues helicopter operator for deaths

By **BRIAN MELLEY**  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Kobe Bryant's widow sued the owner of the helicopter that crashed in fog and killed the former Los Angeles Lakers star and their 13-year-old daughter last month as she publicly mourned their deaths Monday in an emotional public ceremony.

The wrongful death lawsuit filed by Vanessa Bryant in Los Angeles Superior Court said the pilot was careless and negligent by flying in cloudy conditions Jan. 26 and should have aborted the flight that killed all nine people aboard.

The lawsuit names Island Express Helicopters Inc.

and also targets pilot Ara Zobayan's representative or successor, listed only as "Doe 1" until a name can be determined.

The lawsuit asserts Zobayan was negligent in eight different ways, including failing to properly assess the weather, flying into conditions he wasn't cleared for and failing to control the helicopter.

It was filed the morning that a public memorial service for Kobe Bryant, his daughter, and all the victims, including Zobayan, was held to a sold-out crowd at Staples Center, the arena where Bryant played most of his career.

Late night host Jimmy Kimmel read Zobayan's

name among the victims and encouraged donations to a fund set up for their families.

Bryant, his daughter Gianna, and six of their friends were on their way to a basketball tournament at his Mamba Sports Academy when the helicopter crashed.

Zobayan, Bryant's frequent pilot, had been trying to navigate in heavy fog that limited visibility to the point that the Los Angeles police and sheriff's departments had grounded their helicopter fleets.

Under the visual flight rules that Zobayan was following, he was required to see where he was going. Zobayan was cited by the

Federal Aviation Administration in May 2015 for violating those rules by flying into reduced visibility airspace, the lawsuit said.

In his last transmission, Zobayan told air traffic control that he was climbing to 4,000 feet (1,219 meters) to get above the clouds. He was 100 feet (30 meters) short of breaking through the cloud cover when the helicopter banked left and plunged into a grassy hillside, according to the National Transportation Safety Board.

The NTSB hasn't concluded what caused the crash in Calabasas, on the outskirts of Los Angeles County, but said there was no sign of mechanical failure. A final

report isn't expected for a year or so.

Calls to Island Express seeking comment were not answered, and its voicemail was full.

The company issued a statement Jan. 30 on its website saying the shock of the crash had prompted it to suspend service until it was appropriate for staff and customers.

Island Express has had at least three previous helicopter crashes since 1985, two of them fatal, according to the NTSB's accident database. All involved flights to or from the company's main destination of Santa Catalina Island, about 20 miles (32 kilometers) off the Southern California coast.



SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's AP top 25 poll				
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. Kansas (62)	24-3	1598	3	
2. Baylor (2)	24-2	1532	1	
3. Gonzaga	27-2	1442	2	
4. Dayton	25-2	1413	5	
5. San Diego St.	26-1	1287	4	
6. Florida St.	23-4	1247	8	
7. Duke	23-4	1186	6	
8. Kentucky	22-5	1130	10	
9. Maryland	22-5	1124	7	
10. Creighton	22-6	986	15	
11. Louisville	23-5	966	11	
12. Villanova	21-6	928	12	
13. Seton Hall	20-7	842	16	
14. Oregon	21-7	653	14	
15. Auburn	23-4	643	13	
16. Penn St.	20-7	618	9	
17. BYU	23-7	598	23	
18. Iowa	19-8	489	20	
19. Michigan	18-9	329	-	
20. West Virginia	19-8	313	17	
21. Colorado	21-7	291	18	
22. Texas Tech	18-9	226	-	
23. Ohio St.	18-9	210	25	
24. Michigan St.	18-9	160	-	
25. Houston	21-7	102	22	
Others receiving votes: Arizona St 95, Illinois 82, Arizona 71, Butler 51, Virginia 50, Marquette 41, Stephen F Austin 29, LSU 24, ETSU 13, Utah St. 9, Florida 8, Wisconsin 7, New Mexico St. 2, N Iowa 2, Liberty 2, UCLA 1.				

Standings through Sunday						
ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Louisville	14	3	.824	23	5	.821
Duke	13	3	.813	23	4	.852
Florida St.	13	3	.813	23	4	.852
Virginia	11	5	.688	19	7	.731
NC State	8	8	.500	17	10	.630
Notre Dame	8	8	.500	17	12	.556
Syracuse	8	8	.500	15	12	.556
Clemson	8	8	.500	14	12	.538
Georgia Tech	7	9	.438	13	14	.481
Boston College	7	10	.412	13	15	.464
Virginia Tech	7	10	.375	15	12	.556
Pittsburgh	6	11	.353	15	13	.536
Miami	6	11	.353	14	13	.519
Wake Forest	4	12	.250	11	15	.423
North Carolina	3	13	.188	10	17	.370
Sunday's Games						
Notre Dame 87, Miami 71						
Monday's Game						
Louisville at Florida St.						
Today's Games						
Duke at Wake Forest, 7 p.m.						
Clemson at Georgia Tech, 9 p.m.						
NC State at North Carolina, 9 p.m.						
Wednesday's Games						
Syracuse at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.						
Virginia at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m.						
Notre Dame at Boston College, 9 p.m.						

BIG EAST CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Seton Hall	12	3	.800	20	7	.741
Creighton	11	4	.733	22	6	.786
Villanova	10	4	.714	21	6	.778
Providence	9	6	.600	16	12	.571
Marquette	7	7	.500	17	9	.654
Butler	7	8	.467	19	9	.679
Xavier	6	8	.429	17	10	.630
Georgetown	5	9	.357	15	12	.556
St. John's	3	11	.214	14	13	.519
DePaul	2	12	.143	14	13	.519
Sunday's Games						
Seton Hall 81, St. John's 65						
Creighton 81, Butler 59						
Today's Game						
DePaul at Xavier, 7 p.m.						
Wednesday's Games						
St. John's at Villanova, 6:30 p.m.						
Georgetown at Marquette, 8:30 p.m.						

BIG TEN CONFERENCE						
	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
Maryland	12	4	.750	22	5	.815
Penn St.	10	6	.625	20	7	.741
Iowa	10	6	.625	19	8	.704
Michigan St.	10	6	.625	18	9	.667
Wisconsin	10	6	.625	17	10	.630
Illinois	9	6	.600	17	9	.654
Michigan	9	7	.563	18	9	.667
Rutgers	9	8	.529	18	10	.643
Indiana	8	8	.500	18	9	.667
Ohio	8	8	.500	18	9	.667
Minnesota	7	9	.438	13	13	.500
Purdue	7	10	.412	14	14	.500
Nebraska	2	13	.133	7	19	.269
Northwestern	1	15	.063	6	20	.231
Sunday's Games						
Indiana 68, Penn St. 60						
Wisconsin 79, Rutgers 71						
Minnesota 83, Northwestern 57						
Ohio St. 79, Maryland 72						
Monday's Game						
Nebraska at Illinois						
Today's Game						
Iowa at Michigan St., 7 p.m.						
Wednesday's Games						
Rutgers at Penn St., 7 p.m.						
Maryland at Minnesota, 9 p.m.						

Sunday's men's results				
INDIANA 68, NO. 9 PENN ST. 60				
PENN ST. (20-7)				
Harrar 1-2 0-2 0, Lundy 0-1 0-0 0, Stevens 11-27 7-8 29, Dread 4-11 0-2 10, Wheeler 2-3 3-4 7, Watkins 5-6 3-6 7, Brockington 1-1 1-2 3, C.Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Buttrick 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 29-70 8-10 20.				
INDIANA (18-9)				
Brunk 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson-Davis 6-17 1-3 13, Smith 2-4 5-7 9, Durham 5-8 3-4 14, Phinisee 0-2 7-8 7, Green 3-9 1-2 10, Thompson 4-6 0-3 8, Hunter 1-2 0-0 3, Davis 1-3 0-0 2, Franklin 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 23-54 17-27 68.				
Halftime—Indiana 37-24, 3-Point Goals—Penn St. 2-14 (Dread 2-9, Lundy 0-1, C.Jones 0-2, Hunter 0-3), Indiana 5-14 (Green 3-8, Hunter 1-1, Durham 1-2, Franklin 0-1, Phinisee 0-2). Fouled Out—Dread, Rebounds—Penn St. 34 (Harrar 10), Indiana 34 (Jackson-Davis 10). Assists—Penn St. 4 (Lundy, Stevens, Dread, Brockington 1), Indiana 7 (Green 3, Total Fouls—Penn St. 24, Indiana 22. A—17,222, 17,222).				
NOTRE DAME 87, MIAMI 71				
MIAMI (14-13)				
Stone 3-9 2-2 10, Miller 2-6 1-2 5, Lykes 4-11 0-0 8, Vasiljevic 4-8 2-2 12, Wong 5-11 2-2 12, Waardenburg 1-2 0-0 3, McGusty 0-1, Walker 0-1, Wong 0-2, Lykes 0-4), Notre Dame 1-4 31 (Gibbs 5-6, Hubb 3-9, Plueger 2-2, Goodwin 2-4, Mooney 1-3, Laszewski 1-5, Djogo 0-1, Morgan 0-1). Rebounds—Miami 34 (Stone, Miller, Beverly 6), Notre Dame 38 (Mooney 12). Assists—Miami 9 (Lykes 4), Notre Dame 21 (Hubb 10). Total Fouls—Miami 9, Notre Dame 10. A—7,351 (9,149).				
Women's AP top 25 poll				
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 23, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:				
	Record	Pts	Prv	
1. South Carolina (27)	27-1	747	1	
2. Baylor (2)	25-1	713	2	
3. Oregon (1)	25-2	700	3	
4. Stanford	24-3	635	4	
5. Louisville	25-3	624	5	
6. UConn	23-3	605	7	
7. Maryland	23-4	587	6	
8. NC State	23-3	523	10	
9. UCLA	23-4	493	8	
10. Mississippi St.	23-5	447	9	
11. Gonzaga	27-2	415	13	
12. Texas A&M	22-5	387	16	
13. Arizona	22-5	379	11	
14. Northwestern	24-3	347	18	
15. Kentucky	20-6	336	14	
16. DePaul	25-4	324	12	
17. Oregon St.	20-8	272	15	
18. Iowa	22-5	260	19	
19. Florida St.	21-6	198	17	
20. South Dakota	26-2	192	20	
21. Missouri St.	23-3	165	23	
22. Indiana	21-7	127	24	

ON THE AIR

COLLEGE BASEBALL				
9 p.m.				
PAC-12N — Stanford at California				
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)				
7 p.m.				
ACCN — Duke at Wake Forest				
CBSSN — DePaul at Xavier				
ESPN — Kentucky at Texas A&M				
ESPN2 — Iowa at Michigan State				
ESPNU — Texas Christian at Iowa State				
SECN — Mississippi at Auburn				
9 p.m.				
ACCN — Clemson at Georgia Tech				
CBSSN — Memphis at SMU				
ESPN — North Carolina State at North Carolina				
ESPN2 — Texas Tech at Oklahoma State				
ESPNU — Tulane at Tulsa				
SECN — Alabama at Mississippi State				
11 p.m.				
CBSSN — Colorado State at San Diego State				
ESPN2 — San Jose State at Utah State				
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)				
6 p.m.				
BTN — Northwestern at Ohio State				
8 p.m.				
BTN — Purdue at Maryland				
COLLEGE LACROSSE (MEN'S)				
5 p.m.				
ESPNU — High Point at Virginia				
MLB BASEBALL				
1 p.m.				
MLBN — Spring Training: Miami vs.				

23. Princeton	21-1	83	25
24. Arizona St.	19-9	60	21
25. TCU	20-5	59	-
Others receiving votes: Arkansas 44, Florida Gulf Coast 21, Cent Michigan 6, Duke 1.			

NBA				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	42	15	.737	—
Boston	39	17	.696	2½
Phila.	35	22	.614	7
Brooklyn	26	29	.473	15
New York	17	39	.304	24½
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	36	20	.643	—
Orlando	24	32	.429	12
Washington	20	35	.364	15½
Charlotte	19	37	.339	17
Atlanta	17	41	.293	20
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	48	8	.857	—
Indiana	33	24	.579	15½
Chicago	20	38	.345	29
Detroit	19	40	.322	30½
Cleveland	15	41	.268	33
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	36	20	.643	—
Dallas	34	23	.596	2½
Memphis	28	28	.500	8
New Orleans	25	32	.439	11½
San Antonio	24	32	.429	12
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	39	18	.684	—
Utah	36	20	.643	2½
Oklahoma City	35	22	.614	4
Portland	26	32	.448	13½
Minnesota	16	39	.291	22
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	43	12	.782	—
L.A. Clippers	37	19	.661	6½
Sacramento	23	33	.411	20½
Phoenix	23	34	.404	21
Golden State	12	45	.211	32
x-clinched playoff spot				
Sunday's Games				
L.A. Lakers 114, Boston 112				
Toronto 127, Indiana 81				
Denver 128, Minnesota 116				
Oklahoma City 131, San Antonio 103				
Chicago 126, Washington 117				
New Orleans 115, Golden State 101				
Portland 107, Detroit 104				
Monday's Games				
Atlanta at Phila.				
Miami at Cleveland				
Milwaukee at Washington				
Orlando at Brooklyn				
New York at Houston				
Minnesota at Dallas				
Phoenix at Utah				
Memphis at L.A. Clippers				

Wednesday's Games	
Buffalo at Colorado, 8 p.m.	
Edmonton at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.	
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.	
Thursday's Games	
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.	
Dallas at Boston, 7 p.m.	
N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.	
Toronto at Florida, 7 p.m.	
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	
Vancouver at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.	
Calgary at Nashville, 8 p.m.	
N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.	
Washington at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.	
New Jersey at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.	

NASCAR	
Monster Energy Cup Pennzoil 400	
presented by Jiffy Lube	
Sunday	
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway	
Lap length: 1.50 miles	
(Start position in parentheses)	
1.	5 Joey Logano, Ford, 267 laps, 52 points.
2.	(19) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 267, 35.
3.	(26) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 34.
4.	(21) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 33.
5.	(18) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 267, 38.
6.	(27) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 267, 31.
7.	(8) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267, 30.
8.	(3) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 267, 42.
9.	(6) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 267, 35.
10.	(24) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
11.	(7) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267, 42.
12.	(9) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 267, 25.
13.	(12) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 267, 29.
14.	(23) Chris Buescher, Ford, 267, 23.
15.	(1) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 23.
16.	(30) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 267, 21.
17.	(4) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 20.
18.	(25) Tyler Reddick, Chevrolet, 267, 19.
19.	(17) Cole Custer, Ford, 267, 18.
20.	(2) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267, 34.
21.	(14) Eric Almirola, Ford, 267, 16.
22.	(11) William Byron, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
23.	(16) Erik Jones, Toyota, 267, 14.
24.	(29) John H. Nemechek, Ford, 267, 13.
25.	(13) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 266, 12.
26.	(10) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 266, 31.
27.	(15) Ross Chastain, Ford, 265, 0.
28.	(37) J. Yeley, Ford, 264, 0.
29.	(33) Brennan Poole, Chevrolet, 264, 8.
30.	(35) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 263, 7.
31.	(31) Joey Gase, Ford, 258, 0.
32.	(32) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 258, 5.
33.	(22) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 257, 4.
34.	(36) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 253, 3.
35.	(34) Garrett Smithley, Ford, 252, 2.
36.	(28) Michael McDowell, Ford, 245, 1.
37.	(20) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, engine, 222, 1.
38.	(38) Timmy Hill, Ford, garage, 175, 0.



# Big changes are coming to the NFL scouting combine this year

**By ARNIE STAPLETON**  
AP Pro Football Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Big changes are coming to the NFL scouting combine this year.

There will be more eyeballs on the league’s annual gathering of top college talent but fewer assistant coaches watching those prospects run through drills that have been tailored by position and more accurately mimic what they’ll be doing in the NFL.

The Denver Broncos and Los Angeles Rams, two teams that missed the play-offs last season, are leaving their assistants behind this year, figuring their staffs can watch the on-field drills on broadcasts and review taped interviews without having to fly to Indianapolis.

The decisions save upwards of \$50,000 per team, but at what cost?

Rams coach Sean McVay has two new coordinators concocting schemes and zeroing in on targets in free agency and the draft, so he’s expected to pop into Indy for just one day before returning to LA to continue chasing the NFC champion 49ers and resurgent Seahawks.

Broncos coach Vic Fangio will stay in town longer, but he also is leaving much of his staff behind in what could foster a new trend into the NFL – or prove a big blunder depending on how this change plays out.

NFL Network draft analyst Daniel Jeremiah, for one, isn’t a big fan of the Rams and Broncos not bringing

their full staffs and personnel departments.

“The one thing that’s interesting, I’ve read all these stories about people leaving personnel at home and coaches not coming to the combine. And I don’t know how I feel about that because I think when you get a chance to be around the players, as many opportunities as you can get a chance to be around them and be in the room with them when you interview them, I think there’s value in that,” Jeremiah said.

“Now, if you want to go back and watch the workouts at home or you want to go finish your interviews, if you’re a corners coach or a receivers coach, I should say, and you finish up all the receiver interviews, and you don’t want to stay in the building to watch the workout, I understand that because you can watch it all on tape. But I think it’s a lost opportunity if you’re a coach and you don’t get a chance to be in the room to be around these players. It’s just another point of contact that I think can really help you.”

Jeremiah likes some of the other changes coming to the combine, like the new drills for the players and moving those drills later in the day to prime time.

Every year, the top 300 or so football prospects converge on Indianapolis for medical evaluations, measurements, interviews and position drills in front of all 32 teams – or at least those who want to watch.

This year’s group is load-

ed at wide receiver and not as deep at edge rusher, tight end and linebacker as it’s been in the last few years. The quarterback class again is strong, led by national champion Joe Burrow with big questions looming over Tua Tagovailoa’s health.

The combine rivals the Super Bowl for the largest gathering of general managers, coaches, pro personnel departments, players and agents.

Oftentimes teams capitalize on this to lay the groundwork for free agency that comes a couple of weeks after the combine.

This year, downtown bars and restaurants should be quieter as many of the on-field drills move from morning and afternoon into prime time.

The NFL Network will broadcast 26 hours of live on-field drills Thursday through Sunday, beginning with quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends from 4-11 p.m. ET Thursday. That will be followed by running backs, O-linemen and special teams Friday and defensive linemen and linebackers Saturday. The coverage concludes Sunday with five hours of defensive backs drills.

“I’m excited about it,” Jeremiah said. “It’s going to be fun. It’s going to be good for television because we’re going to get more eyeballs, and it will draw more attention to the event. I know talking to buddies around the league, they’re just kind of skeptical. They just want to see how it comes together. It’s all new to them. So

I think you’ll have a better feel for how they like it after we get through the week.”

Sixteen new position-specific drills are coming to the combine with 10 old ones being eliminated as the league incorporates some of the skill sets that colleges players are bringing to the NFL nowadays.

For example, end zone fade routes have been added for quarterbacks, receivers and tight ends with the toe tap drill eliminated, and running backs have to run routes and catch quick passes.

“It’s been long overdue to have our evaluation tools match where the game is,” Jeremiah said. “I’m encouraged by that. I think it’s going to be a fun part of the combine. It’s going to be refreshing to see some of these new drills.”

Things will start off strong Tuesday when tight ends, quarterbacks and wide receivers meet with the media in the morning, followed by general managers and coaches.

Looming over the combine is the league’s labor situation.

On Tuesday, the players union will meet with league negotiators at the scouting combine. The union’s executive committee voted last week to recommend rejecting terms of the new collective bargaining agreement that NFL owners approved. Objections to an expanded regular season are the main stumbling block to player approval. The current labor accord lasts through the 2020 season.

## Jeter says Astros scandal is a ‘black eye’ for baseball

**By STEVEN WINE**  
Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — Derek Jeter wishes baseball could change the subject.

The Miami Marlins CEO, who masterfully steered clear of controversy throughout his Hall of Fame playing career, has watched with dismay each new headline in the Houston Astros’ sign-stealing scandal.

“It’s like a slow drip of responses coming out from everyone,” Jeter said Monday at the Marlins’ spring training camp. “You hope at some point people can just move on. But look, it’s unfortunate. It’s a black eye for the sport.”

Jeter spoke publicly for the first time since Commissioner Rob Manfred concluded the Astros violated

rules by using a TV camera to steal catchers’ signs during their run to the 2017 World Series title and again in the 2018 season.

Manager AJ Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were suspended for one season and then fired by the team. The commissioner’s punishment has been widely criticized because players were not disciplined.

“When you talk about people trying to get an edge in baseball, I don’t think that’s anything new. People have been trying to do it for years,” Jeter said. “But, obviously, people took it way too far. And there are penalties for it. They’re paying the price.”

“Regardless of what the penalties are, others are going to have their opinions on what they think should

happen. You hope that over time it passes. But I’m sure this is going to sting for a while.”

Last month, Jeter came within one vote of being a unanimous pick for the Hall of Fame. As the New York Yankees’ shortstop he was all about winning, but in his two seasons with the Marlins they’ve gone 120-203.

Miami’s farm system is much improved, however, and while Jeter declines to predict when the Marlins might become playoff contenders, he believes the depth of young talent will begin to pay dividends in 2020.

“This organization is in a lot better shape than when we took over,” he said. “We should be a lot better this year than we were last year. I’ve always preached

competition. We have an organization that is layered with talent. Guys are going to start pushing, and that’s a good thing.”

Miami went 57-105 in 2019, the poorest record in the National League. Many projections have the Marlins winning around 70 games this year.

Another challenge for Jeter is to put more fans in the seats. Last season the Marlins finished last in the NL in attendance for the 14th time in the past 15 years.

“From the interactions I’ve had, people are starting to get excited,” Jeter said. “We’re trying to earn the trust of the fan base. It takes a little time. We’re hoping more people are starting to trust us, and they come out and give us a chance.”

## Italian sports leaders following government lead on virus control

**By ANDREW DAMPF**  
Associated Press

ROME — Holding soccer games behind closed doors without fans in attendance is a problematic solution, Italian Olympic Committee president Giovanni Malagò said Sunday as authorities scrambled to contain a rapidly rising number of COVID-19 cases in the country and a third death from the virus.

CONI, the Olympic committee, oversees all sports in Italy.

Four matches in the top Italian league scheduled for Sunday were postponed after the government ordered a ban on all sporting events in Lombardy and Veneto – the regions in the heart of the outbreak – and later Turin.

Besides refunding vast numbers of tickets – some 60,000 fans were slated to attend Inter Milan’s game against Sampdoria on Sunday at the San Siro stadium in Milan before it was postponed – Malagò noted Italian fans’ tendency to go stand outside stadiums where matches are played behind closed doors and cheer on their team from the parking lot.

“It’s going to cause a pub-

lic safety issue,” Malagò told Sky Italia. “That’s particularly problematic at this moment when police are busy with other situations and won’t be able to stand outside a soccer stadium.”

“It’s a matter of public health,” Malagò added.

Italian authorities announced that they are shutting down Venice’s famed carnival events in a bid to stop the spread of the virus, as numbers of infected persons in the country have soared to at least 152 – the largest amount of cases outside Asia.

Veneto regional Gov. Luca Zaia said the shutdown will begin Sunday evening. Carnival, which draws tens of thousands of visitors to the lagoon city, would have run through Tuesday.

Nearly all of Italy’s confirmed cases are clustered in the north, with 110 in Lombardy and others in the regions of Veneto, Emilia-Romagna and Piedmont. Only two cases have been found in the south, a Chinese couple in Rome earlier this month.

The death on Sunday of an elderly woman, who was already suffering from cancer and who contracted the virus, raised the nation’s death

toll to three, said Lombardy regional official Giulio Gallera. All three deaths occurred in the north.

The Atalanta vs. Sassuolo and Hellas Verona vs. Cagliari Serie A games were also called off while Torino’s match at home to Parma was postponed hours before kickoff on Sunday, following new cases in Piedmont.

Parma, which had already traveled to Turin, spent Sunday practicing at Juventus’ training facility.

The only Serie A games to go ahead Sunday were Lazio’s 3-2 win at Genoa and Roma’s 4-0 home win against Lecce in the capital. Some fans at the games wore protective face masks.

Also postponed: Milan’s game against Fiorentina in the Serie A women’s league; a women’s Six Nations rugby match between Italy and Scotland scheduled for Legnano near Milan; as well as a long list of lower-league and children’s games across all sports.

There was no immediate announcement on when the postponed Serie A matches might be made up.

“It is right to take precautionary measures and understand where the problem starts,” Lazio coach Simone

Inzaghi said. “We must not underestimate what is happening, football is moving in the right direction.”

“The answer isn’t playing matches behind closed doors, because the fans are the heart of our sport. It is right to share football with the fans, we need to find an alternative solution for this problem.”

There are also concerns over Inter’s Europa League match against Ludogorets, with the second leg scheduled for Thursday in Milan. The Bulgarian side has written to UEFA to request more information about the situation.

Juventus, which is based in Turin, is scheduled to host Inter next Sunday in the return of former coach Antonio Conte.

“Right now, the sports world must not try to go its own way,” Malagò said. “It absolutely needs to share the indications of the authorities, first and foremost the government. Dialogue is ongoing with all of the clubs affected.”

“We have to take it one day at a time,” Malagò added. “If someone tells you today that they have an answer to what will happen, they are lying.”

## Survey finds Olympic, elite athletes struggling financially

**By EDDIE PELLIS**  
AP National Writer

The comments could easily have come from any middle-class town where workers have trouble making ends meet: “No pension plan, no chance of structural income over a longer period of time.” ... “I will not have savings until the mortgage of my house is paid off.” ... “My parents still have to help me pay for my food.”

In this case, however, the tales of financial struggle come from some of the best athletes in the world.

In a survey of nearly 500 elite athletes spread across 48 countries, many of them gearing up for the Olympics later this year, an athletes’ rights group found that 58 percent said they did not consider themselves financially stable.

Even greater majorities said they did not receive “the appropriate amount of financial compensation” from the International Olympic Committee or the national federations that send them to the games and other major events.

And 57 percent answered “Yes” when asked if the IOC should pay athletes to attend its events.

Over the last year, the advocacy group Global Athlete received responses from 491 athletes spread across six continents, about 200 of whom identified themselves as Olympians or Paralympians, and the rest of whom compete at an elite level in their country or at an international level. The responses painted one of the most thorough pictures of the long-documented reality of competing at the highest levels of Olympic sports: Hardly anyone gets rich, while the majority are poor and largely beholden to the bureaucracies that fund this diverse cross-section of what are, by and large, niche sports.

As part of the survey, athletes who said they did not consider themselves financially secure were given the chance to explain.

There were 89 responses, most of which sounded similar themes:

■ “Can’t train without funds but trying to get work around training is not easy and continually told if you miss sessions you don’t get selected.”

■ “No stable job, living off casual work, and supported by my mum. My sport provides no money for me.”

■ “Paycheck depends on how I preform at a major championships once every 2-4 years. If I do not preform well in one moment I cannot financially support myself.”

Last year, sparked in part by a ruling from a German court, the IOC allowed national Olympic committees to relax guidelines on what’s known as Rule 40 – a rule that restricts athletes from fully cashing in on their marketing potential while the Olympics are ongoing. A handful of countries made changes. But were they enough? Four out of five athletes in the survey agreed that they should be given the right to “build and sell their own image right at the Olympic Games,” which is often the only time many of them will have such a massive platform.

The IOC and its affiliates have long argued that they need an uncluttered advertising space, especially during the games, to preserve the value of Olympic sponsorships, which, in turn, allows them to provide the huge stage on which the athletes compete. That reality wasn’t lost on many of the 111 athletes who responded when asked for comments

about how to gain control of their brand during the Olympics.

One example: “Loosening of rule 40 ... but not 100 percent free exposure as the money IOC get from their sponsors aids the smaller sports over the following 4 years.”

But the reasons for the financial instability goes deeper than Rule 40. It speaks to issues involving training stipends, living expenses, insurance and post-career opportunities. Dozens of stories circulate in Olympic years about athletes holding bake sales and starting GoFundMe pages to make ends meet. Many national federations have tried to improve conditions for their athletes in all these areas, but according to those surveyed, they’ve largely fallen short.

The Olympics and its affiliated sports hold a particularly unique leverage over athletes, when compared to many professional sports and leagues. They run the biggest, most prestigious event in the world, while the thousands of athletes spread across dozens of countries have struggled to band together to speak with one voice. It often leaves the athletes, without whom there would be no Olympics, in the position of taking what they’re given, without much chance to negotiate.

Athletes were also asked a series of questions about whether they are well-represented on the multitude of boards and committees that make decisions about Olympics sports across the globe.

Eighty-seven percent said “Yes” when asked if they thought athletes should have at least half the votes within sports organizations when rules that affect them are being developed. It’s not an uncommon formula in sports leagues such as the NFL and Major League Baseball where the players unions hold great sway. But in the Olympic space, it’s a far-fetched notion.

For instance, the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee, under scrutiny about this very issue, recently rewrote bylaws to bring athlete representation up to 33 percent on most of its governing bodies.

Athletes also answered a series of questions about their general welfare in the international sports system. Majorities said their rights were respected by organizations ranging from the IOC to their national Olympic federations.

But when it came to specifics – for instance, whether they received appropriate care in areas of mental health, post-career transitions and ongoing medical care (both during and after their careers) – a plurality of athletes answered “No” in every instance.

Not all the responses were negative. Of the 42 percent of athletes who said they considered themselves financially stable, 66 filled out the comments section to explain why. Despite the more positive outlooks in these answers, most were sprinkled with reminders of the reality of being an elite athlete in sports that only hit the big stage once every four years.

A sampling:

■ “Have a good understanding of how to budget and started investing money once I became an athlete. The athlete salary is not high so I started saving.”

■ “My own perseverance to have a great career after sport.”

■ “It is my sport, not my job.”



# Mom can't be optimistic about son's engagement

**DEAR ABBY:** My son is engaged to a young woman I'll call Carla. They are currently living with my husband and me to save money and pay off bills. They fight often. Because of this, my husband and I were not excited when they flippantly announced their engagement and also flippantly announced their wedding date recently. I just said, "That's nice" or "congratulations."

I know this is not my relationship, and they are adults, but should I explain why we cannot get excited about it? I don't dislike Carla, and I would be truly OK if they could make each other happy most of the time. But because of their arguing and unresolved issues, I do not have confidence in their relationship.

## Dear Abby



I think they may ask us for money to help with wedding expenses, and unfortunately, I feel it would be throwing money away. How awful is that? I don't want to create hard feelings if they can make this work. Advice? --- UNENTHUSED MOM IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR MOM:** If you are asked to chip in for the wedding expenses, consider making it conditional. Tell your son and Carla that you are deeply concerned because of the amount of fighting you see they do, and if they will agree to premarital counseling, you will be glad to help them.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are in our 60s and have two grown sons. We work full time and are financially secure.

The conundrum: We have one grandchild who will soon turn 1. I asked my daughter-in-law for gift ideas because I know she already has more than enough clothes and toys. My daughter-in-law promptly responded that they will soon be needing a new car seat, and that she'd also like a nice running stroller.

They both have good jobs. They can easily afford such items. Now I feel that if we don't produce one of these as a gift, she'll think we're cheap, but honestly, I don't consider such things to be gifts for the baby, simply items parents should be responsible for if they can afford them. I really would like to get our grandbaby something unique that will withstand the test of time. Now I wish I hadn't asked! -- Regretful Inquiring Grandma

**DEAR REGRETFUL:** You may wish you hadn't asked, but you did. While you're not obligated to give the gifts your daughter-in-law asked for, in the interest of family harmony, it would be a good idea to give her one of the necessities she requested. And in the future, DON'T ASK!

**DEAR ABBY:** In my work, the department I'm responsible for has employees working in various locations throughout the U.S. I want to have an annual picnic at my home to show appreciation to my team. The problem is, I do not have the budget to pay for travel for employees who work in remote offices. Should I not invite these remote employees? Should I invite them but inform them that their travel won't be reimbursed, or just not have the picnic at all? -- Not Enough In Pennsylvania

**DEAR NOT ENOUGH:** Rather than invite workers from all over the country to a celebration you know they won't be able to attend, consider having a small gathering at your home for the locals. Send gift cards for the favorite restaurants of the employees in distant locations. It would be thoughtful and generous and would cost far less than subsidizing travel expenses.

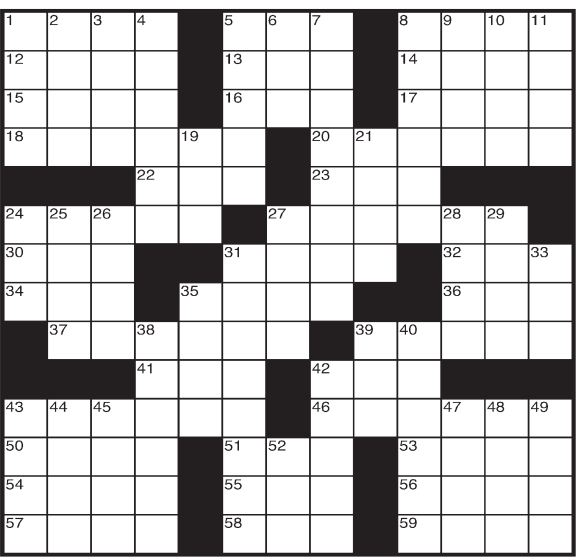
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22 Last letter  
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24 In the altogether  
27 Jacked up  
30 Eggs  
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32 Matisse piece  
34 Funnymen — Brooks  
35 Let go  
36 Haul into court  
37 Returned the favor  
39 Topic  
41 RSV word  
42 Briny expanse

43 Fiesta decor  
46 Japanese theater  
50 Teen hero  
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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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PMLIPE

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Answer here:

Saturday's Jumbles: DITCH DINKY WEDDED MANNER  
Answer: All her dinner date did was complain. She wasn't happy about being — "WHINED" AND DINED

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

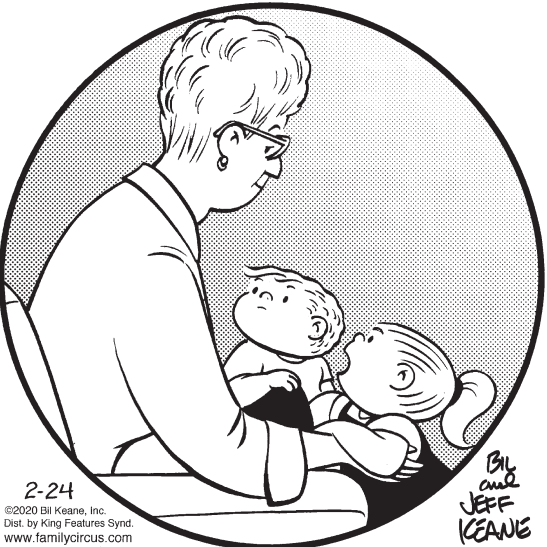


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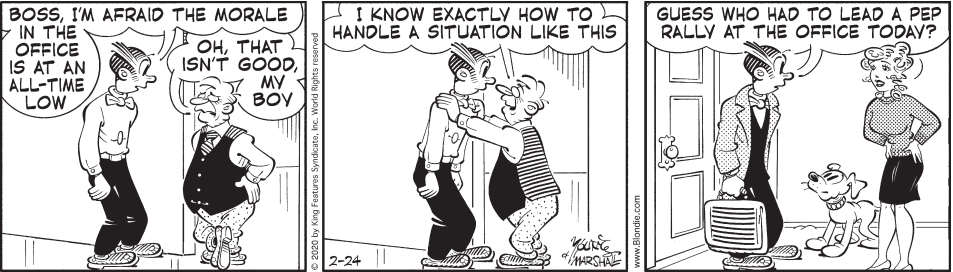
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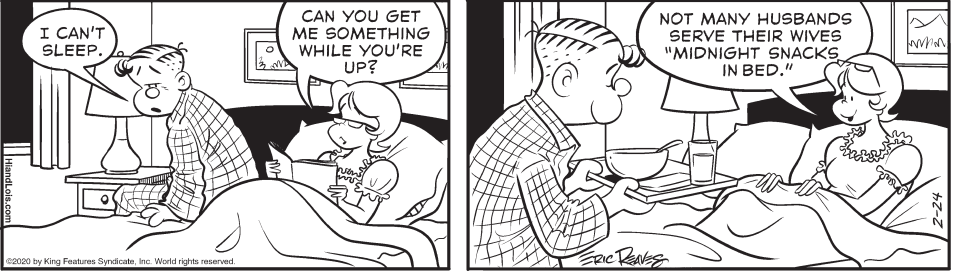
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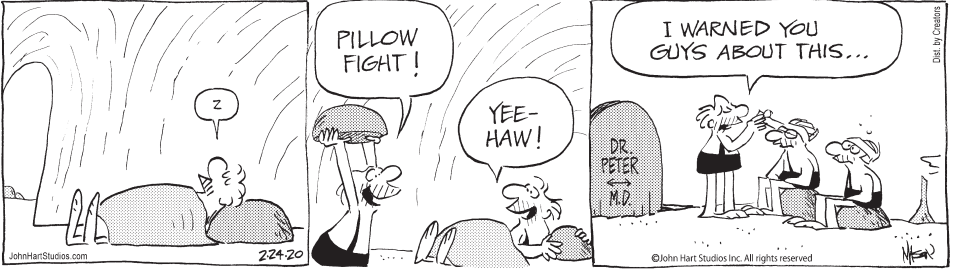
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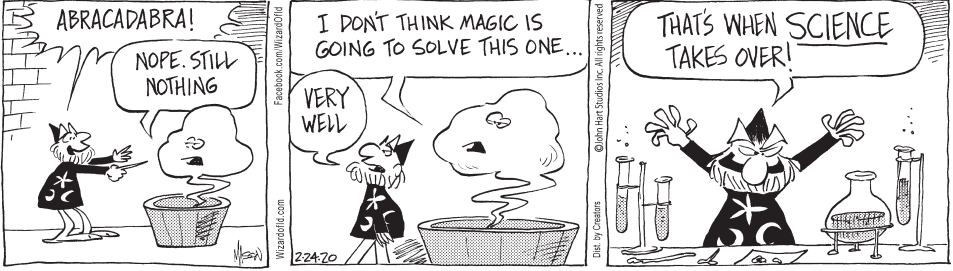
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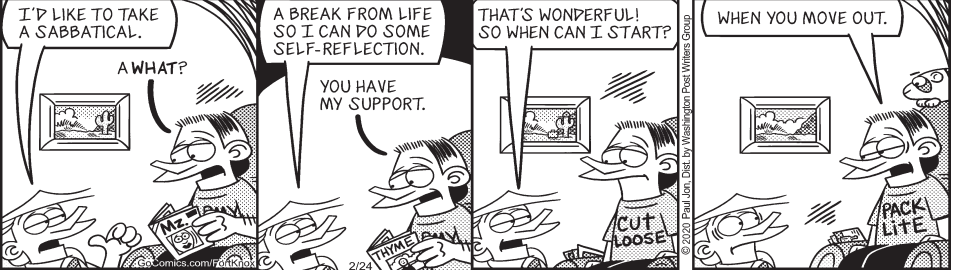
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## Prayer is a demonstration of our need for God

**Q:** Why is there so much resistance to Christians praying in public when other religions can openly bow and pray without reprimand? -- P.D.

**A:** To bow the head in a restaurant to give thanks for a meal, to kneel in a place where others might notice, are outward demonstrations of personal faith. Some consider them public shows of excessive religiosity; others are only offended if the prayer is in the name of Jesus Christ. But those who persecute us are to be the objects of our prayers.

Prayer is a demonstration of our need for God; for His direction and guidance, and for His protection and provision. It is also our communication to God of having thankful hearts.

Some years ago, after the Persian Gulf War, Marines re-

turned to Camp Pendleton and it was reported that as soon as they spilled out of the airplane, several of them formed a circle and prayed. When we approach Almighty God in humbleness, He blesses that testimony. But we must never do it for the purpose of portraying self-righteousness, but to express our need for God in our lives.

There seems to be an instinct in people to pray in times of danger. If we are to depend on prayer during tough times, we should be people of prayer before the crisis hits.

While Christians may be

persecuted for their prayers, we must take comfort in knowing that Jesus modeled prayer consistently, and commanded that we also pray. A wonderful Bible study is to look closely at the prayer life of Jesus, where no day began or closed in which He was not in communion with His Father. Never be ashamed to pray to the Lord Jesus Christ and in His name (James 5:14) because God Himself is the power that makes prayer work.

This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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CYSR X CJV J HXK." — UZSRAXR  
AJPJRXRT

Previous Solution: "I shall make it the most agreeable part of my duty to study merit, and reward the brave and deserving." — George Washington  
TODAY'S CLUE: F W



# Happily unmarried couple reaches impasse over kids

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend and I have been dating for more than a decade. We're nearly 30 now. We are happy not being married, and we both agreed early in our relationship that we would not have kids.

All of a sudden, my boyfriend has decided he wants children. I said maybe in the future, but he feels we're running out of time. I still don't want kids, and it's for selfish reasons. I enjoy traveling, having time to myself and just the two of us, peace and quiet, being able to do what I want when I want without having to worry about kids. Is that so wrong? Where do we go from here? – At Odds In Montana

**Dear Abby**



**DEAR AT ODDS:** After 10-plus years, “the future” has arrived. It appears you and your boyfriend have reached a large fork in the road. From here you either go your separate ways or agree to relationship counseling to see if there may be a way to bridge this gap.

**DEAR ABBY:** For the last 25 years, we have gone on several weekend getaways with another couple. They are now suggesting a one-week vacation together. The issue is, they constantly either talk to or text their children while we are with them. They call to tell them the weather, where we're eating, get updates on their various sporting events, etc.

We also have children and grandchildren, but we wait until we return home to reconnect and hear about their weekend and tell about ours. We love our kids, but we don't need to be constantly connected.

Except for us, this couple's entire social life appears to revolve around their children's lives, and it is pretty much all they talk about. We're not sure we can tolerate this for an entire week. We don't want to lose these friends, but don't know how to decline a week of this. Please advise. – Vacation From The Vacation

**DEAR VACATION:** Constantly texting and calling in the presence of others is rude. Because you are hesitant to call them on it, try this: Unless they know you take weeklong vacations with other friends, tell them you prefer shorter visits with other couples. In their case, it's the truth.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently received an email from the grade school-aged son of a close friend, which included a link requesting funding to support his school sports program. My friend told me to expect such an email.

I'm not certain how to respond, as I always encouraged my children to communicate face-to-face when soliciting funds for their school programs, but that was years ago, and I realize this is a new era. It just seems so impersonal to ask for money electronically, especially when I barely know the young man. Are my expectations wrong? How would you handle this? – Check's In The E-Mail

**DEAR CHECK'S IN:** Despite how the request was made, if you want to support the program, do so. If not, then don't. Personally, I would ignore the email, and if I was asked about it, I would politely decline.

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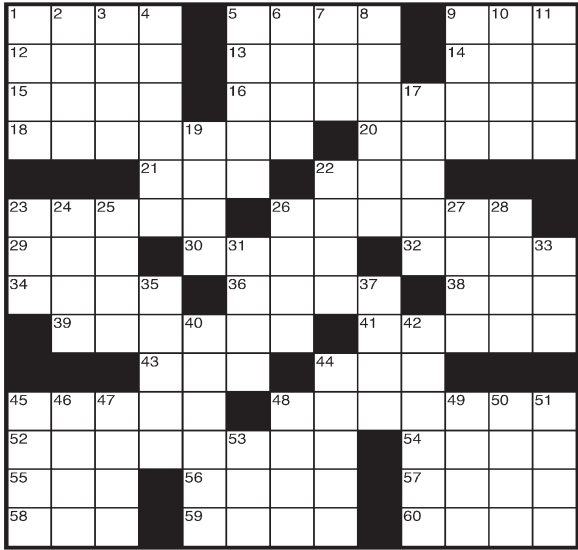
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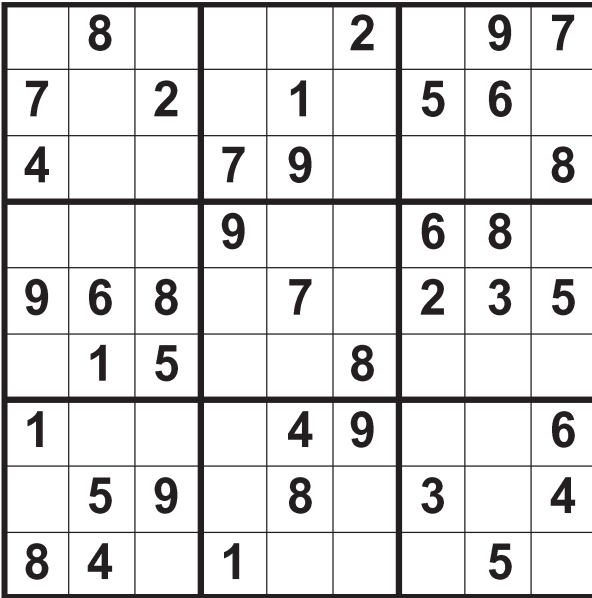
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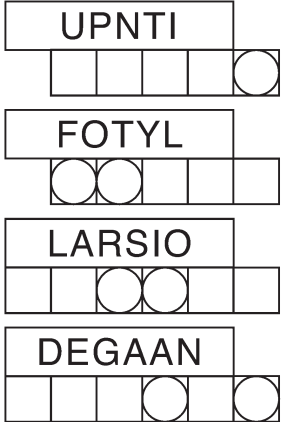
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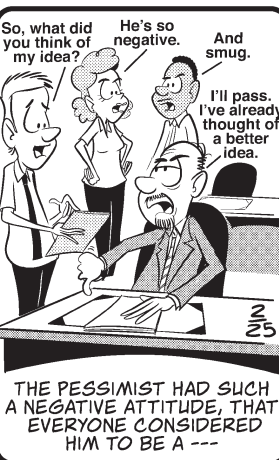
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Yesterday's Jumbles: SHAME CRUSH SLUDGE PIMPLE  
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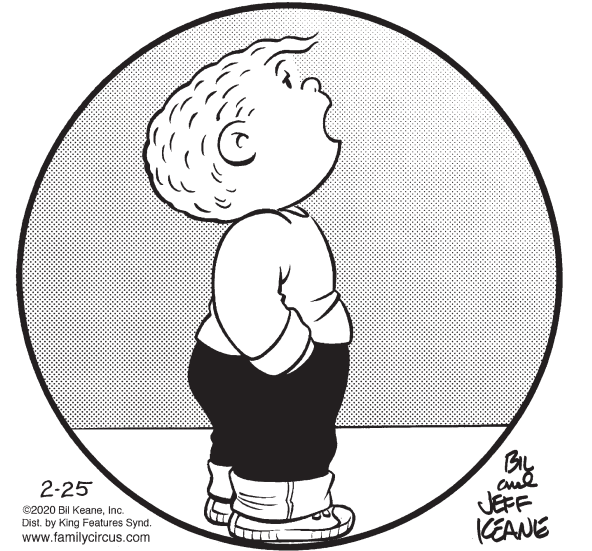


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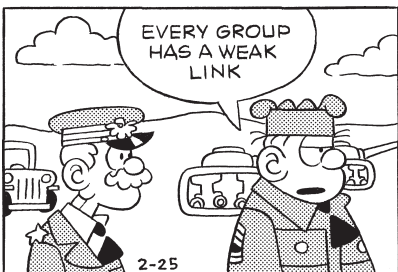


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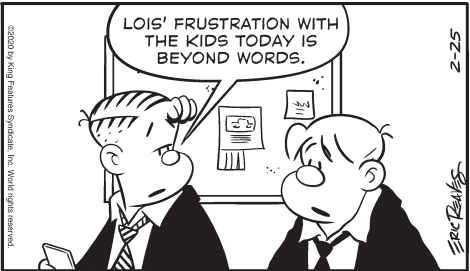
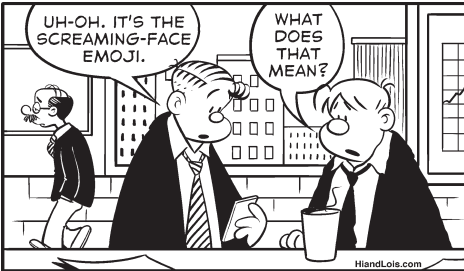
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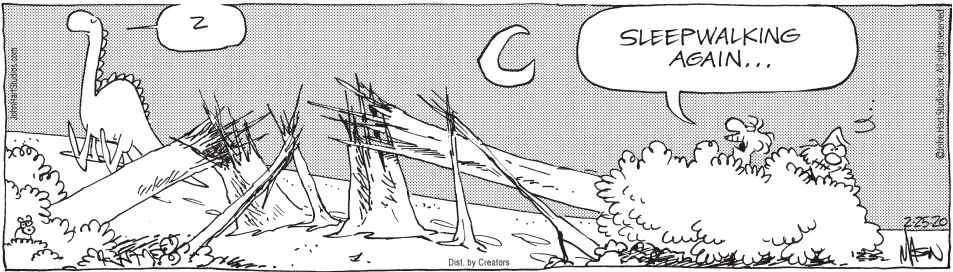
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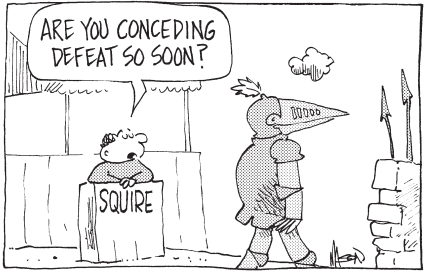
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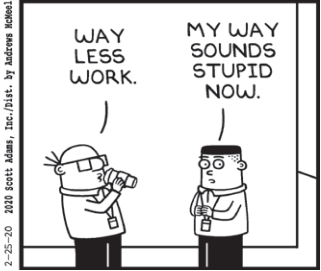
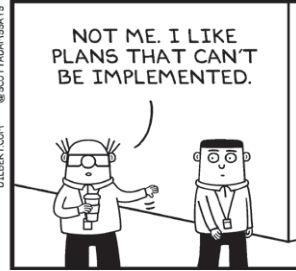
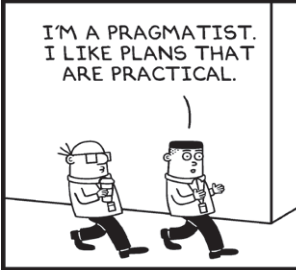
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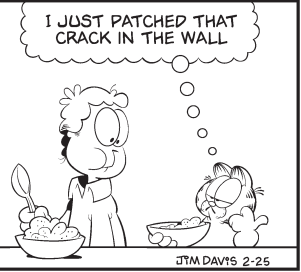
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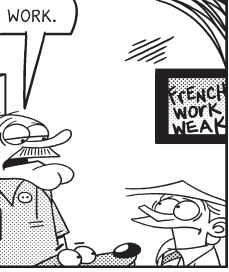
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# We should not be hypersensitive to criticism

**Q:** How can I stop worrying about what people think of me? – P.P.

**A:** We must not have a victim mentality. Excessive sensitivity to what others say about us can cause us to become overly absorbed in worry and anxiety over other people's opinions based on their own self-subscribed standards.

We should not be hypersensitive to criticism or entertain an exaggerated sense of our own importance. This brings great unhappiness. Some people are insecure, lacking in self-confidence, and are therefore easily bruised by what other people say. Many egocentric people fall victim.

An illustration is the paranoid person who sees two acquaintances talking together and jumps to the conclusion

that they are discussing her faults. She retreats into the torture chamber of her own mind, where she manufactures misery. Run from paranoia as you would run from a plague.

But the greatest solution to this very real problem is to surrender to Christ. Turn from self-absorption to being immersed in God's truth. The most important thing anyone can do on their own behalf is to be humble before the Savior and ask forgiveness of sin and receive Him as the Lord. He sends His Spirit to help us through this journey. More

important than what people think of us is what God knows about us, and His word tells us that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But He is waiting to hear our confession. He is waiting to redeem us and give us a new life in Christ. “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

*This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.*

## CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

“CTZZFCC XC W PFWCN ... MTNC NUF  
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YFN WLWO LXNU AGJF XKC NFWR GB  
DGGIXKY LXNUXK.” — PJWR MXNN

Previous Solution: “My mom took me to see ‘Carnal Knowledge’ and ‘The Wild Bunch’ and all these kind of movies when I was a kid.” — Quentin Tarantino

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